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CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION

No. 341

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Custom House will be closed, and the shipment and delivery of cargo suspended, on the following days: Monday to Wednesday, January 1 to January 3, 1940 (New Year Holidays), inclusive.

L. H. LAWFORD,
Commissioner of Customs.

CUSTOM HOUSE,
Shanghai, December 21, 1939.

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NOTICE

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SHANGHAI STOCK EXCHANGE

This Exchange will be closed for the transaction of business on Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26, 1939.

E. H. PARROTT,
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Shanghai, December 21, 1939.

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NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. D. H. Woo is no longer an Agent or Compradore of this Company.

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NOTICE

On instruction of Mr. D. Y. C. Li, Chartered Accountant, of 133 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Shanghai, duly appointed Administrator of the bankrupt estate of VICTOR H. YUE who has been pronounced a bankrupt by order of the District Court for the 1st Special Area in Shanghai (Cause No. 13 char. "P'o" of 28th Year R.C.), the undersigned HEREBY GIVES NOTICE to Messrs. CHINA STEEL INDUSTRIES, a Company formerly registered under the Hongkong Ordinances, but which has hence been struck off the Register, in the person of EDITH WINIFRED BERTENSHAW, of 4 Yang Terrace, Weihaiwei Road, Shanghai, now absent from this city, that consequent to their, as Lessee of the premises known as Municipal No. 140 Tanyang Road, Yangtsepoo District, Shanghai, leased from the said Victor H. Yue, default in the payment of rental for the period of 27 months, and wilful abandonment of the said premises, the lease agreement in respect of the said premises is hereby declared null and void and the accredited representative of the Lessor has re-entered on and re-possessed the said premises and after making a proper inventory, has duly distrained all the remaining chattels and property, belonging to the Lessee, found on the premises, and NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in the event the said Lessee does not come forward and pay the said Administrator of the bankrupt estate the amount of rental outstanding and in arrears, within the period of FIFTEEN DAYS from the date of publication of this Notice, all of the said distrained property shall be sold to the highest bidder and that the proceeds therefrom shall be applied to the outstanding rental and the expenses incurred with the collection thereof,

(sgd.) N. M. SHOOLINGIN,
Attorney-at-Law,
181 Kiangse Road,
Legal Practitioner for Mr. D.Y.C.Li, Administrator of the Bankrupt Estate.

Shanghai, December 18, 1939.

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23 Rehabilitation Expos'n of Central China, Central Japanese Primary School, 9.30-5.30
23 Children's Christmas Party, Shanghai Engineers' Club, 3.
23 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
23 'Hussar Love', Lt. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
24 Rehabilitation Expos'n of Central China, Central Japanese Primary School, 9.30-5.30
24 Cathedral Carol Service, 5
24 Municipal Orchestra, 11th Symphony Concert, Lyceum Theatre, 5.15
24 'Hussar Love', Lt. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
25 Rehabilitation Expos'n of Central China, Central Japanese Primary School, 9.30-5.30.
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27 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
28 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
29 Limbless Fund, Sale, U.C. Hall, 9.30
29 Rover Ball at Masonic Hall, sponsored by 7th Shanghai Rovers, 8.30
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirtieth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at No. 49 Szechuen Road, Shanghai on Friday, December 22, 1939 at 11.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended September 30, 1939, declaring a Final Dividend, electing a Director and Auditors and transacting any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from December 16 to December 22, 1939, both days inclusive.

Shareholders are requested to notify the General Managers promptly of any change of address that may have taken place since the last dividend or preferably to supply the General Managers with the address of their Bankers to whom Dividend Warrants will be sent direct.

Dividend Warrants for Chinese Shareholders will be retained in our office and may be had on application at any time during ordinary office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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49 Szechuen Road,

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Correspondence for this column should be addressed to the Editor, North-China Daily News Office, 17 The Bund, Shanghai, and to ensure secrecy, marked "Letters to the Editor."

Yangtze Opening:

Scepticism Decried

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Scepticism based on cursory observations and perverse bias is detestable and harmful.

YANGTZE in this column yesterday declared that the Japanese decision to re-open the lower Yangtze to foreign shipping and trade "is an empty, meaningless gesture and nothing else." He must have surely felt ashamed of his shallow and irresponsible utterance when he read your editorial under the heading "A Good Start," a fair and unbiased expression of an intelligent mind.

Needless here to point out further the folly of his remark, but may I venture to comment on the point YANGTZE stressed so much in his contribution—that is, to the effect that "shipping on the Yangtze to Nanking has never been able to compete with the railway for carrying of cargo to and from Shanghai"?

There is an old Chinese saying, "Ships in South and horses in North," referring to the numerous creeks and rivers in the South in contrast to the scarcity of them in the North. In fact, the overland transportation has never proved a rival to the waterway transportation in Central China. For instance, the passenger revenue of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway has been unusually and incomparably larger than the freight revenue. (The opposite is true in nearly all other countries). In 1935 the former amounted to $8,983,000 against the latter's $3,405,000.

The importance of the water traffic should not by any means be underestimated, and YANGTZE should be reminded that it is far cheaper to ship hinterland products by the water route than the railway. Moreover, the railway transportation capacity is insignificant at present, and will be as long as it is used for military purposes as well. YANGTZE's fear thus is groundless.

Many foreign shippers and traders are anxious to know what the "certain restrictions" would be. But it is said they include the nature of cargoes and the ports of call. Those who are fond of being cynical should very well recall, before demanding unconditional re-opening of the great Yangtze, that war conditions still exist in Central China. No specific date has been set for the re-opening but that is because, I think, Japan has to make preparations, including perhaps the expulsion of the pestiferous guerillas.

It is pleasing to hear fair and constructive criticism such as yours yesterday, but it is surely disgusting to hear destructive, devil-may-care comments of an irresponsible mind.

EMMAN IPPO.

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

Loan Interest:

Shanghai-Nanking Railway

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Many Shanghallanders were interested in the news report from London, dated December 15, that Mr. Neville Chamberlain instructed the British Ambassador in Tokyo, Sir Robert Craigie, to make strong representations regarding the non-payment of interest due to British shareholders of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway; and also in another news report dated, Tokyo, December 16, that official circles in Tokyo replied to the effect that the financial condition of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway Company made it impossible to pay interest.

Curious as to the name of Shanghai-Nanking Railway Company, I looked into the matter and to my surprise found out, that the railways in Central China are being operated by the Central China Railway Company, Limited, established with a capitalization of Y50,000,000 on April 30, 1939, as a legal person under the administrative control of the Restoration Government—a Sino-Japanese joint concern, headed by Mr. Makoto Den as vice-president, assisted by four Japanese and three Chinese directors. The company at present is operating the Shanghai-Nanking, Shanghai-Hangchow, Soochow-Kashing, and a section of Tientsin-Pukow railways, as well as the Hweinan, Zakou, Nanning and Tankou lines, totalling 1,122 kilometres.

With occasional yet persistent attacks made by the Chinese nationalist troops on the railways, blasting rails, locomotives and freight cars and also with the number of Chinese people utilizing the facilities being not as yet large, although steadily gaining, the financial condition of the company is not at all satisfactory. Despite the fact that the railways are reconstructed to the former status, the majority of the Chinese and foreigners seem to believe that they are still in the same condition as General Chiang Kai-shek's troops had left them—that is cars, locomotives and stations burnt and bridges destroyed beyond repair. Should they come to know that the Japanese brought over locomotives, cars and rails together with their highly developed technique, and restored the service to the pre-incident status in an incredibly short period, repairing bridges and tracks, and also that improvements are being made one after another, the traffic is bound to increase.

As it is today, the Company's loss is enormous, not to mention the fabulous amount of money spent literally in reconstructing the railways from complete destruction. Should stockholders wish to know how complete was the destruction, they are welcome, the Company officials declare, to see the photographic records that they have.

The Domei news of December 16 stated that "at the present time trains on the route were being used for military purposes." But as I know it, the service is available to civilians of any nationality. The passenger is required to have a permit issued by the Japanese authorities—this being necessary in view of the existing war conditions.

The railways in China having been the property of the Nationalist Government, lost to Japan, so the British Government should have made their "strong representations" to the Chungking Government instead of Tokyo, or else to the Restoration Government in Nanking—the Company which is operating the railway in question being a legal person under the control of that government.

The loan must be settled. But how? There seems to be no alternative. Either the British Government should extend recognition to the projected new Central Regime or the stockholders should sell their stocks to the Nanking Government at reasonable prices, taking into consideration the amount of money spent by the Company in reconstructing the railway from utter destruction wrought by General Chiang Kai-shek in accordance with his "scorched-earth" policy.

EMMAN IPPO.

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

Admiral Graf Spee:

An Unpalatable Truth

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—An event unprecedented in the history of Germany since the advent of the Nazi regime appears to have occurred almost unnoticed—German newspapers have actually published the truth!

In today's North China it is reported that "German newspapers . . . unite in declaring that the end of the Graf Spee was . . . . in conformity with the traditions of the German Navy."

That they should admit such an unpalatable truth is, to say the least, surprising. Can it be that the Editors had been celebrating, not wisely but too well, the "victory" of the Graf Spee?

IN VINO VERITAS.

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

Christmas:

A Reader's Programme

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I quite agree with your leaderette that the year's celebration of Xmas will be on a less pretentious scale than formerly. The only joy that some of us will get will be to turn the tables on the shop-keeping profiteers.

A slice of roast pork, potato salad, a glass of port and a golofina (presented) is the programme of

J. C. DE B.

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

"A Christmas Carol":

Mr. Scrooge's Plea Endorsed

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—May I add my voice to that of Mr. SCROOGE in the request to screen "Christmas Carol" again at the Cathay Theatre?

I am sure that young Mr. Lincoln wouldn't mind giving place to Mr. Charles Dickens for a few days.

BOB CRATCHIT.

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

Knatty Knitters:

A Successful Bazaar

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Would you be so kind as to publish the amounts received from the various stalls at the K.K.K. Bazaar held on Saturday, December 16:

Raffle Tickets	$1,255.50
Milady Stall	601.50
Christmas Box	395.40
Tiny Tots Stall	329.70
Home Eats	318.79
Toy Stall	311.54
Linen Stall	300.20
Teas	104.20
Bran Pie	52.25
Santa Claus	44.80
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Caricatures	10.50
Coupons	16.00
Entrance Tickets	189.20
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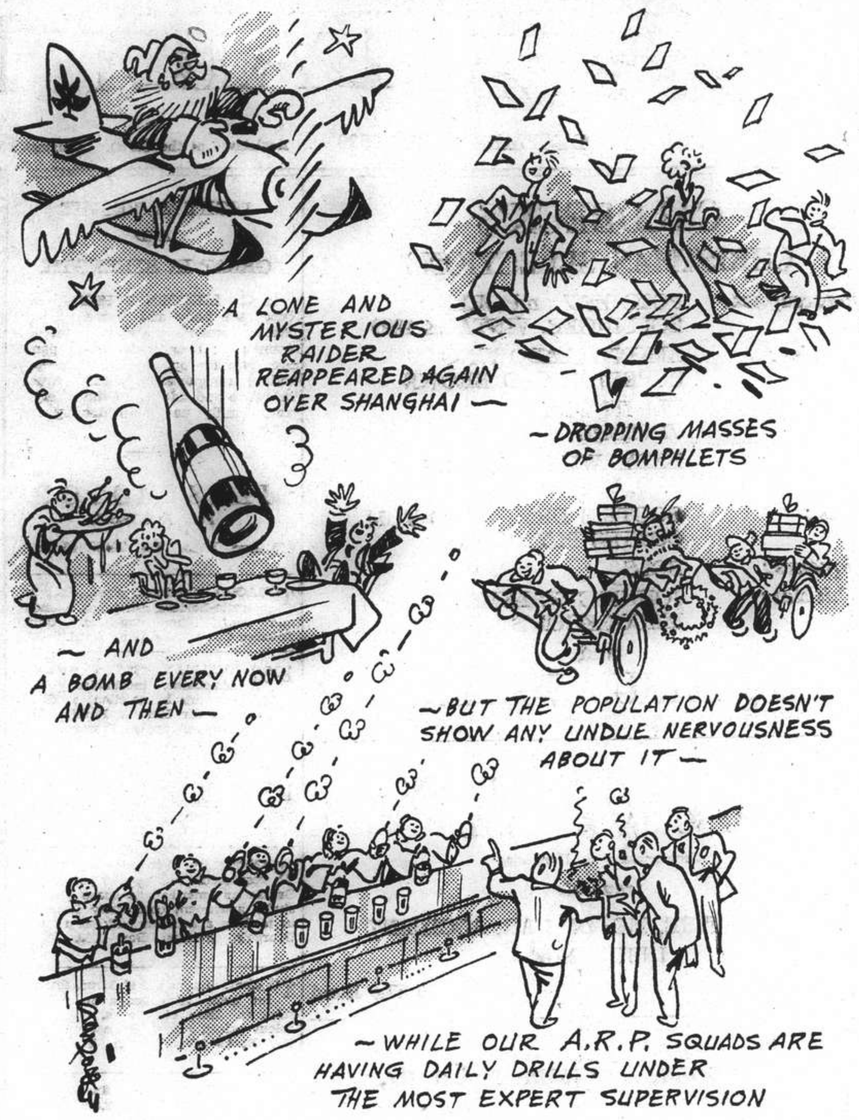
We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who so kindly contributed towards the Bazaar in so many different ways. We were indeed very grateful for their generosity and support.

GRACE SHOTTER,
Chairman
Knatty Knitters Klub.

Shanghai, Dec. 21.



BY SAPAJOU

Comme A La Guerre

Prophet Abroad:

Finland and Russia

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Reading your page 7 to-day, it looks as if the battle between the Finns and the Soviets is the fight of David and Golliath. According to my reading of "Daniel and the Revelations," Russians will soon be in the borsch. And my crystal says that Trotsky will soon return in triumph. Whether this will be any good to the world is a matter for another prophet.

J. C. DE B.

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

Wrestler to Divorce Rajah's Daughter

Hollywood, Dec. 20.

Bob Gregory, the well-known English wrestler, states today that he intends to divorce his wife, the former Miss Valerie Brooke, daughter of Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, the White Rajah of Sarawak.—Reuter.

No Rice Riots In Japan

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

The spokesman of the Japanese Foreign Office, Mr. Y. Suma, said today that rumours of rice riots in certain sections of Japan were "entirely without foundation." The rice riot rumours followed Japanese reports of a food shortage in Japan and Korea because of drought.—United Press.

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WOMAN'S PAGE

A London Letter

By Olive Dun

London, Nov. 12.

The Queen's broadcast to British women all over the world came through very clearly but some of us thought that she seemed rather overcome by the pathos of the situation. But it must be a terrible business for any woman in her position to broadcast on such an occasion.

Certainly there is nothing lachrymose in Her Majesty's manner when paying her daily visits to work centres, child centres, etc. There was a charming picture a day or two ago of the Queen among evacuated children at a settlement in Sussex. One child was giving her doll a bath and the Queen told her to be sure to wash behind the ears. Another child asked the Queen to make her a necklace.

Her Majesty leads a busy life. Ordinarily she is no more eager to get up in the mornings than anyone. Now she is at work every morning at 8 with her secretary on her letters, many of which she answers in her own hand. Her work parties with women servants of the Palace I have mentioned. And every day she visits one if not two centres of war activity, some of them involving long journeys. She and the King manage to get down to Windsor sometimes at week-ends. But in the main they have no time off.

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Royalty Has Points

The etiquette among Royalties, where one catches an occasional glimpse of it, is always interesting. Thus the recent offer of mediation by Queen Wilhelmina and King Leopold was addressed to our King. The Government knew nothing of it till he had shown it to Mr. Chamberlain; and of course the reply was a personal one by King George.

Who the offer was sent to in Germany we don't know. Presumably to "that evil man over there" as Mr. Churchill called him in tonight's broadcast. But how, one wonders, was he addressed? Reigning monarchs are all "cousins" to each other. Perhaps the Fuehrer for this occasion was elevated to the rank of cousin german.

After the last war, with the disappearance of Kaiser, Tsar, and half-a-dozen German and Balkan princes, there seemed to be a distinct slump in kingship. Now there is a marked revival at least of interest in the institution, and an extraordinarily high level of ability among existing sovereigns. The prestige of the Scandinavian, Netherlands and Belgian monarchs is well-known. King Carol of Rumania is one of the astutest statesmen in Europe. The King of Italy, though overshadowed in recent years, is unquestionably a man of high ability: it is said that he has been a powerful influence in keeping Italy neutral, though in justice to Signor Mussolini and the Italian people no one has ever accused them of wishing to go to war for the beautiful eyes of Hitler.

After all, a monarchy is a comfortable form of government which introduces a point of stability amid the passions of the politicians, who either have to adjust their quarrels or take the extreme step of throwing out the monarch as well as their rivals, which they usually hesitate to do. So then the monarch, if he has any gumption, is able to intervene on behalf of the too frequently ignored and oppressed populace. Louis XVI, one may remember, lost his throne and head, not because the throne was unpopular, but because he failed to come to the people's aid against the nobles.

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Worshipful Ladies

Among the new mayors who took office in London this week are two women, Councillor Mrs. C. I. Hartnell of Chelsea, and Alderman (or woman) Mrs. P. M. Beacham of Greenwich, whose husband was mayor nine years ago.

At Aylesbury there is a lady mayor, Mrs. Paterson, who on election immediately created her 16-year-old daughter, June, mayoress, putting the chain of office about her neck. June, being still at school, is said to have been chiefly interested in the number of holidays which her office would bring to her.

Although there are complaints every year from various papers about London's traffic being turned upside down by the Lord Mayor's procession, we were all rather sad that there was none this year and Sir William Coxen drove to Guildhall, not in the State coach but in a motor car. The usual ceremonies of inauguration were observed, but from the public point of view might as well have been omitted.

Some people say that now the sequel of processions has been broken it will never be revived. But one cannot think so meanly of either Londoners or Lord Mayors as that.

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An Honourable Firebrand

It was characteristic of Mrs. Despard, sister of the Earl of Ypres (formerly Sir John French), who has just died at the age of 95, that there is not a line about her in "Who's Who." Yet she was one of the most active revolutionaries of her time. None stranger than Charlotte Despard.

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Greeting Made Difficult

It is curious to think of Christmas cards having to be censored and surely a wicked perversion of these certainly peaceful and occasionally beautiful emblems of good-will that they should have to be. But in the last war it was found that enemy agents were using Christmas cards to send information. So the Censor has issued rules for what we may do.

To some countries, France, all the Empire, and the United States, we may send cards as we please. But all the rest of the Continent (except France), China, Japan and Siam (or Thailand as we must learn to call it) and the overseas possessions of Spain, Portugal and Italy are censorable. If we wish to send cards to these countries, we must give a list of addresses to the shop at which we buy the cards, and they will put the matter through with the Military Censor. So the cards should arrive in nice time for Christmas 1940.

I do not know whether spies are becoming more active or discretion more relaxed, but precautions on the part of the authorities are more noticeable than in the first weeks of the war. A special poster, in which a beautiful vamp acting on Hitler's behalf figures prominently, has lately been produced for use in all troop centres, and the paper continually warn us against unguarded remarks. A day or two ago I thoughtlessly asked an old friend whether his son, who is in the R.N.V.R., was at sea, only to be answered with stony silence. I felt hot all over, and am still not quite sure whether I have not been reported to the Admiralty.

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Restraint On Legs

A really important piece of news. Colours of women's stockings are to be rationed. Not, however, by any official controller, but by the British Colour Council, which means the manufacturers.

It seems that there are now no fewer than 600 different shades of stockings—as bad, you may say, as a rose catalogue. The B. C. C. have decided that next year there shall be only ten. Here is the list permitted:

Burnt nude, carib, goblin, Newmarket, mist beige, graphite, dryad, gun metal, vogue, copper skin. (Copper skin is a neutral beige suitable for those wearing blues and brown.) Burnt nude, dryad, carib and goblin are warm colours. And the mist beige and vogue denote the trend towards wine-tinted hosiery.

Meanwhile I see it reported that Britain's first woman soldier is about to go to the front as an expert on make-up—not of faces but of guns. She is, in fact, an expert on camouflage, and, as the colours of Nature fade through autumn's red and gold into the dark russet of winter, it will be her job to dress the guns and tanks in corresponding invisibility.

Their Majesties Do Their Bit

Wearing military uniform, King George is shown with Queen Elizabeth as they visited the Red Cross Section in Australia House, London, to have a look at the activities of the volunteer workers, one of whom is seen at right.

Snapped In A French Village

"Tommy's new friends in France" is the title given to this photograph which shows British soldiers making friends with French children somewhere in France. The language difficulty seems to have been successfully overcome.

Toilet Soap

It is a good plan to supply a bathroom wash-basin with two tablets of toilet soap and to use them alternately, so that each one has time to dry. If one piece is in constant use it is apt to waste quickly through being always wet. Small nail-brushes turned bristle upwards are better than rubber mats for soap. They keep the tablets well drained and dry, and the small amount of soap that sticks to the bristles is used each time the brush is the nails, so that there is no waste.

Down With Demon Run

How To Deal Faithfully With Silk Stockings

This is a short, short course on ways and means of giving your stockings a long, active life. To begin from the beginning:

Buying: The way you *buy* silk stockings, aside from quality, directly affects the length of their life. The fit should be perfect, not just approximate. This means the right length for your leg, as well as the right size for your foot.

Buying half-a-dozen pairs of the same colour is a great economy. You can wear them in rotation and when one stocking goes, its mate isn't wasted. Three-thread stockings, obviously, wear better than two-thread. But even two-thread (once considered for hussies only) will last a decent time with proper care, and there's no denying they are flattering, especially with dresses shorter than they've been in several years.

Washing: Your method of laundering stockings is perhaps even more important. When stockings are new, the threads have a certain elasticity and once this is destroyed by careless washing, it's an open season for runs.

Before stockings are worn even for the first time, they should be rinsed in lukewarm water. This softens the fibres and makes the runs fewer and farther between. Never use hot water and never rub them with a cake of soap.. Use instead any kind of mild soap flakes or powder (the alkali in harsh soaps brings havoc) and make sure they are completely dissolved before you plunge your stockings in the water. Remember, too, a little soap goes a long way, and also that a teaspoon of vinegar added to the rinse water counteracts the alkali in the soap. When you've pressed (not wrung) the water out of the stockings, it's a good idea to roll them for a moment in a heavy bath towel to absorb the moisture. The trick of drying stockings is to cut down the length of time they are wet as much as possible and still not use heat, which is very bad for the silk. It's an advantage to dry them on a glass rod, because it automatically eliminates the possibility of their catching on wood and snagging.

Take Care!

No matter how many pairs you may own, stockings should be washed as soon as you take them off. Nothing is worse for stockings than allowing them to stay soiled.

Putting Them On: There's a little trick of putting on your stockings without mishap, too. First, be sure your toe and fingernails are smoothly filed. To put a stocking on properly, turn it on the wrong side, gather up the stocking from the heel to the top, turn the toe of the stocking over the toe of your foot and carefully draw the stocking up over your leg, keeping the seam perfectly straight in back.

Note of Caution: Check your shoes to be sure they have no roughness on the inner surface, particularly at the heel. If there *are* any rough spots, rub an almost dry cake of soap over them a few times. This is an old housewife's remedy, and though a little on the quaint side, it really turns the trick.

The Nazi War Diet

American Family Experiment With German Non-Combatant Rations; A Nasty Week

Recently received information on German war rations prompted the "New York Daily News" to carry out an experiment in which a typical American family lived for one week on the food allowance decreed by the Nazi high command for all German non-combatants.

Willing "guinea pigs" for this test were Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Rogers, a son, Stuart Jr., 19, and a daughter, Naomi, 16, of Red Band, N. J.

At all times during the experiment they were under the observation of a dietician and a reputable physician, who had power to withdraw one or all members of the family from the test should their health be endangered.

An account of their physical and mental reactions to the first day of German war time fare is given below.

One day of wartime food as rationed in Germany knocked all the pleasure out of eating in the Stuart Rogers household. The first three Nazi meals left the four members of the family without actual pangs of hunger. But there were squawks and complaints aplenty.

"Sherman was right!" growled 206-pound Stuart Sr., who loves a juicy steak. "These rations fill you up, but there's no kick in eating any more."

Patiently and cheerfully Mrs. Rogers, who began to work near miracles in the kitchen with her limited supplies, tried to stretch the rations as far as possible and make them palatable. But she put down her own cup of substitute coffee half finished with the remark: "I simply can't drink it. I'd rather have nothing at all. What a difference a little cream would make."

Soldiers Come First

"Oh, for a piece of pie," wished 16-year-old Naomi. Stuart Jr., 19, snubbed a cold potato lunch at first, but ate when he remembered there were six more days of the test.

It became obvious from the marketing of Mrs. Rogers and Naomi, according to Nazi food cards, and from the reception of the first meals, that non-military Germans are through with anything resembling delicacies and dainties for the duration of war. They must eat plain, and—to the American palate—dull, flat and tasteless provender aimed to keep them active but not happy.

Hitler's food distribution strategy apparently is designed to attain these three objectives:

(1) To feed civilians mostly on perishable foods; (2) to send most of the available meat, cream, eggs, chocolate and other energy-building foods to men at the fighting fronts; and (3) to hoard grains, dried vegetables and canned goods against lean years ahead.

Here is the first breakfast menu of each member of the family on the first day of the Nazi diet:

Slices of rye toast, 4.
Cornflakes, 1 small dish.
Potatoes, 4.
Coffee substitute, 1 small cup.

A thin coating of jam was on the toast and Mrs. Rogers doled out a little skimmed—well skimmed—milk and one level teaspoonful of sugar for cereal. She used rationed margarine to fry the cold onion-flavoured potatoes. Naomi and Stuart Jr. had a cup of skimmed milk instead of the roasted grain "coffee."

Naomi and Mrs. Rogers, fairly light breakfast eaters, thought the menu "pretty good." But the men were sceptical.

For lunch Mrs. Rogers and Naomi each had a cheese and onion sandwich on pumpernickel bread, without butter; a lettuce and tomato salad, sharing one tomato between them, and a glass of skimmed milk. Rogers and Stuart Jr., who took their lunches to work, each had two slices of unbuttered rye bread, a small piece of cheese, a boiled potato, a glass of skimmed milk and an apple.

The family ate dinner at home together. The allotment of food to each was as follows:

Potato salad—3 boiled potatoes, 1 onion, 2 tablespoonsful of olive oil, vinegar, salt and pepper.

Stewed tomatoes—1½ tomatoes, 1 teaspoonful of salt, 1 teaspoonful of sugar, 1 teaspoonful of butter.

Frankfurters—Two, medium size.
Apple—1, baked.
Beer—1 pint.

Guns Instead of Butter?

It was agreed by the entire family that butter is the important sacrifice. The average butter consumption in a week has been about three pounds, for the Rogers used butter with peas, bread, potatoes, fish and other dishes. Under the German food restrictions they are allowed only three ounces of butter each in a week.

Only one ray of light filtered through the feeling of annoyance and frustration that pervaded the Rogers' dinner atmosphere. The dish washing was easy and there was no waste to take to the incinerator.

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Bowling Lead Changes Hands

Butler Gets Triple of 362 to Overtake Marine Nawojczyk; Kleffel, Hilden Follow

REGISTERING a splendid triple of 362, Tommy Butler overtook "Ski" Nowaczyk, the Marine star, in the second round of the Shanghai Men's Singles Duck Pins Championship at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. last night. The new leader made a fine start to score 139 in the first string and finally obtained an aggregate of 688 pins against Nowaczyk's 674.

The former leader was not in top form as he declined in the second game to score a poor 88. Jerry Kleffel, who was second in the previous round, dropped to third, being three pins behind Nowaczyk. Fourth place was taken by Leo Hilden, who finished sixth previously. The latter, however, has a remote chance to fight for the title in the final round tomorrow at the Fourth Marines Club as he was 34 pins behind.

Following were the results:—

Butler	139	126	97	362	688
Nawojczyk	106	88	117	311	674
Kleffel	111	107	107	325	671
Hilden	115	116	99	330	654
Gonsalves	88	98	123	310	639
Bourne	97	117	102	316	626
Deegan	86	105	108	299	625
Henningsen	117	111	92	320	621
Xavier	140	89	90	319	618
Cardwell	96	109	93	300	615
Messersmith	95	103	104	307	613
Klovekorn	97	108	92	297	610
Dollnsek	123	99	99	321	609
Gray	111	90	90	291	609
Jacobs	105	97	90	292	606
Krencicki	86	121	95	302	604
Souter	85	123	103	310	603
Fiori	103	108	108	319	601
Katz	112	90	97	299	600
Winecoff	85	101	86	272	596
H. M. Smith	87	113	103	303	596
Cruleker	89	92	107	288	595
Boyle	86	104	89	281	590
Cone	92	89	94	275	583
Huebner	102	94	105	301	586
Pote-Hunt	120	126	90	336	569
Ashley	80	116	123	319	590
Boles	89	112	92	293	581
Read	112	115	86	313	580
Appelboom	88	95	106	289	578
Piper	91	98	94	283	575
L. C. Kew	94	87	102	283	574
Rayden	97	114	89	300	575
Belknap	100	106	102	308	573
Lund	103	98	115	314	536
Watton	96	85	88	269	550
Bojesen	93	88	98	279	561
Kimball	86	93	101	280	565
Picozzi	92	114	91	297	558
K. Cox	92	88	96	276	558
Swan	86	92	93	271	548

Mrs. Malleck Jumps To Top Position

Play Continues in Women's Bowling Championship

Some interesting changes were seen in the second round of the Shanghai Ladies Singles Duck Pins Championship at the Shanghai Race Club alleys last night. Mrs. A. Malleck, the defending champion, rose from second to first place while Mrs. Vines, who led previously, dropped to fourth place.

Mrs. Collaco climbed from sixth to second, but the best jumps were made by Mrs. Kwok and Mrs. Prince. The former elevated herself from twelfth to sixth and the latter from twenty-first to seventh. Mrs. Prince chalked up the evening's best score with a triple of 329, starting out with a fine 119.

The final round will take place tomorrow at the American Club.

The results follow:—

Mrs. Malleck	104	95	96	295	600
Mrs. Collaco	103	93	102	298	593
Miss Hykes	96	103	95	296	597
Mrs. Vines	111	88	83	282	592
Mrs. Geibel	95	105	97	297	590
Mrs. Prince	119	105	105	329	586
Mrs. Bristow	93	92	105	290	581
Mrs. Zee	87	93	94	274	577
Mrs. Schuster	79	96	88	263	566
Mrs. Sobel	96	92	101	289	566
Mrs. Dalton	96	82	88	266	559
Mrs. Gray III	104	87	78	269	557
Mrs. Huebner	74	77	105	256	555
Miss Picozzi	99	91	87	268	537
Mrs. Deegan	88	85	96	269	532
Miss Jackson	72	87	92	251	530
Mrs. Cardwell	76	88	99	263	532
Mrs. Pote-Hunt	89	87	76	252	529
Mrs. Evans	86	85	82	253	527
Mrs. Kwok	104	104	96	304	569
Mrs. Kops	68	75	79	222	485
Mrs. Jensen	76	69	79	224	459

Kosovsky Shows Return To Chess Form

Faultless End Game Beats Stasinevitch

The second round of the Shanghai championship and the ninth round of the open tournaments were played at the International Chess Club last Wednesday night. In the championship group Kosovsky showed return to his old form when he defeated Stasinevitch in a faultlessly conducted end game.

Jiritsky, playing with the black pieces, built up a splendid position against Harnik, but at the critical moment overlooked an ingenious ruse of his opponent and the game ended in a draw through perpetual check. Poliakoff and Dr. Lipiner postponed their game, Karpen had the bye, and Stasinevitch won his adjourned game against Harnik.

After an interruption during the holiday weeks, play in the championship will be resumed on January 10.

The following were the results in the other sections:—

Major "A":—Sabouroff 1, Favstritsky 0; Ross 0, Fineland 1; Pnieff 1, Efimoff 0; Erkku 1, Abrosimoff 0 (first defeat of Abrisimoff); Rogoff 0, Panchenko 1; Orjelick 0, Odintseff 1; Shiffsten 0, Boldman 1; Schultzer 1, Williams 0; Froelich 0, Spitzer 1; Haritonoff, Skobiaeff adj.; Dr. Kollek and Baromidze bye. Leaders: Schultzer 8½, Abrosimoff, Spitzer, Panchenko, Fineland 7, Skobiaeff 6 (1), Baromidze 5.

Major "B":—Kobejsky 1, Shaniavsky 0; Dr. Mandel 0, Koptilin 1; Lockhart 0, Dr. Wrany 1; Pennecard 1, Oksus 0; Braun 1, Orishak 0; Luchich 0, Donskoy 1; Karmiloff 0, Karateeff 1; Roudniansky ½, Lange ½; Tokmakoff 1, Keijola 0.

Play on this group is completed, the following players qualify for the final: Koptilin 8½, Roudniansky 8, Lange, Tokmakoff 7½, Shaniavsky, Kobejsky 6½.

Minor:—Kleiman 0, Moknieff 1; Schneider 0, Beldin 1; Chernosvitoff 1, Ivanoff 0; Tonnochy 1, Price 0; Kohlhauser 1, Pollack 0; Vlnigradoff 1, Uvacieff 0; Assey 1, Ceatell 0. Score of leaders: Kohlhauser 8, Tonnochy 7½, Beldin 7, Moknieff 6½.

Foreign Golf Experts Gather in Manila

Manila, Dec. 21.

Golf stars from the United States and Australia are gathering here in preparation of participation in the Philippines Open Golf Championship, which is to be held here January 5, 6 and 7, it was announced today.

Norman von Nida, Australian professional star who arrived here Tuesday, will defend the Philippines title against the best field in years. He was accompanied by another Australian, H. B. Williams.

Several Japanese and Americans are to arrive here next Monday.

Harold Jug McSpaden is expected Sunday aboard a Clipper from the United States. The Wack Wack Club has paid U.S.$1,750 as his expenses for his participation in the championship tourney.

The Zimmerman brothers, Al and Emory, are arriving from the United States on Monday.—United Press.

Hockey Club Teams For Week-end

The following teams will turn out this week-end:—

S.H.C. (v. Light Automatic Coy.):—H. A. Crickmer, J. H. Blakelock, I. H. Bradford, W. J. Silvey, S. M. Carlisle (Capt.), C. H. Dickson, L. M. M. Parlett, I. H. Kendall, C. Woolhouse, C. F. D. Lowe, R. J. Parsons. Umpire:—L. G. Shellam.

S.H.C. (v. United Services):—E. B. S. Creasy, J. S. Kenyon, H. A. Crickmer, D. S. Harley, R. W. Edwards, I. H. Bradford, I. H. Kendall, L. G. Shellam, J. R. Cole, J. W. Pote-Hunt, L. M. M. Parlett. Umpire:—R. J. Whitehead.

A S.H.C. XI (v. S.M. Police):—A. N. Other, A. J. Evans, E. B. S. Creasy (Capt.), W. F. Gilbert, S. M. Macoustra, R. G. Hipwood, T. H. Wood, F. L. Dobbs, P. F. Watkinson, F. E. Lintilhac, I. C. M. Pemberton. Umpire:—E. P. Higgs.

S.H.C. (v. East Surreys);—G. T. Gambling (Capt.), W. J. Silvey, J. Fairbairn, A. Maude, J. S. Mayes, S. M. Macoustra, G. J. Read, H. W. Carter, J. C. Boldero, J. W. Galvin, T. H. Wood. Umpire:—S. A. Tremlett.

United Team

The following players have been selected to represent the Shanghai United Hockey Club against Kholsa in a friendly game on Sunday, December 24, R.G. 7, starting at 3 p.m.:—

E. A. H. Weidman; R. J. Willis, J. Ladd; R. Watson, C. G. van der Voort, A. P. Canavarro, R. C. Veir, K. M. Pate (capt.), J. Hetherington, J. Gilchrist, A. G. Yourieff.

America Crushes China 62-34

Run Away Victory Ends Basketball Series at Foreign Y.M.C.A.

With a big second half splurge, America defeated China in the second game of the Charity Basketball Series at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. last night by a comfortable score of 62 to 34. The winners, fresh from their overwhelming victory last Tuesday, took full command of the play and were at no time on the defensive side.

The Chinese put up a fight in the first half in which they fell behind by an 8-point margin of 23-15, but upon the resumption the American five, with Lewis Carson stepping in to the game, gradually ran away and put the 3-game series to an abrupt end.

Lt. Honsowetz again was the star man. Although he was closely checked in the first period, the husky Marine Officer broke loose on many occasions after the interval to score seven field baskets. The Americans were well served by Sargent and Goush, the two guards in the first period in which they shot seven goals, Sargent having the greater share of four baskets.

America	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
Pasko, lf.	2	0	4	4
Honsowetz, lf.	7	1	0	15
Balducci, rf.	2	0	0	4
Robertshaw, rf.	1	4	3	6
Koreis, c.	3	4	3	10
Goush, lg.	3	0	2	6
Carson, lg.	3	0	1	6
Sargent, rg.	4	0	1	8
Dingwall, rg.	2	0	1	4
	27	9	15	63

China				
S. C. Chang, lf.	2	0	3	4
N. C. Wong, lf.	2	0	0	4
Y. K. Hyul, rf.	2	2	0	6
V. Y. Chow, rf.	0	0	0	0
Z. L. Zung, c.	1	1	4	3
T. U. Loh, lg.	0	1	3	1
W. B. Sung, lg.	3	5	0	11
P. C. Chen, rg.	2	1	2	5
K. K. Chang, rg.	0	0	0	0
	12	10	12	34

1st half:—America 23, China 15.
2nd half:—America 39, China 18.

Marines Defeat Scots In Golf Tourney

Best Score by Jones of Seaforth Highlanders

In the weekly tournament promoted by the Navy Y.M.C.A. for an Inter-Services Trophy, a seven man team representing the U.S. Marines defeated the Seaforths yesterday afternoon at the Race Course by a score of 5 to 3.

Young, Jones and Alexander of the Seaforths, defeated Burt, Kenny and Slocum of the Marines. Olsen, Duvall and Ashley of the Marines defeated Conyon, Riley and Minor of the Seaforths. Davis of the Marines, finished 18 holes with a tie against Riley of the Seaforths. On the 19th hole, Davis was the winner and thereby won the day's tournament by a score of 4 to 3.

The best score of the day was made by Jones of the Seaforths, with a 79. Olsen and Kenny of the Marines, had the next best score with a 86.

There will be another competition on December 27 for the right to have their team's name engraved on the silver trophy, which is on display at the Race Club Golf Course Pavilion.

Scottish Football Team Chosen

The following will represent Scotland in the international football match here against Palestine.

Sinclair (Rowing Club), McDonald (Seaforths), Campbell (Seaforths) Capt., Jack (S.R.C.), McCusker (Seaforths), Muir (Rowing Club), Orr (S.F.C.), Duncan (Seaforths), Cochran (P.T.H.), McCorkindale (P.T.H.), Thompson (Seaforths). Reserves: Downie, McAloon, Simpson, Fraser, Gilmour, Weir.

Canidrome Results

1—300 yd. flat.—1, L'Ousta No; 2, Pokerlaw.
1½ length.—Time, 18.31.
Win, $19.40. Forecast (3-1) Div. $63.10.
Place, 1st $10.00; 2nd $7.60.

2—440 yd. flat.—1, Open Blade; 2, Shadow.
3½ lengths.—Time, 27.18.
Win, $11.50. Forecast (4-5) Div. $64.30.
Place, 1st $7.40; 2nd $10.40.
Double Event 1/2 (3-4) Div. $16.70.

3—440 yd. flat.—1, Cannon Fire; 2, Cross Bow.
A head.—Time, 26.58.
Win, $39.50. Forecast (4-1) Div. $132.10.
Place, 1st $13.90; 2nd $8.40.
Double Event 2/3 (4-4) Div. $18.90.

4—500 yd. flat.—1, Livex; 2, Snowdrift I.
Short head.—Time, 30.98.
Win, $19.60. Forecast (1-2) Div. $107.80.
Place, 1st $9.90; 2nd $10.30.
Double Event 3/4 (4-1) Div. $92.30.

5—500 yd. flat.—1, Ah Liang; 2, Skedaddle.
A head.—Time, 30.91.
Win, $25.00. Forecast (1-3) Div. $549.10.
Place, 1st $16.70; 2nd $16.10.
Double Event 4/5 (1-1) Div. $135.10.

6—500 yd. flat.—1, Brass Hat; 2, Winsome Maid.
1 length.—Time, 30.61.
Place, 1st $8.30; 2nd $11.10.
Double Event 5/6 (1-4) Div. $79.90.

7—500 yd. flat.—1, Pearl's Pet; 2, Luhai Lily.
Short head.—Time, 30.48.
Win, $46.50. Forecast (5-1) Div. $108.90.
Place, 1st $18.40; 2nd $7.90.
Double Event 6/7 (4-5) Div. $41.20.

8—500 yd. flat.—1, Eumaeus; 2, Gold Cap.
2 lengths.—Time, 30.50.
Win, $9.20. Forecast (5-1) Div. $46.50.
Place, 1st $6.80; 2nd $8.90.
Double Event 7/8 (5-5) Div. $30.70.

9—500 yd. flat.—1, Lone Tess; 2, Buckhurst Hill.
4 length.—Time, 30.32.
Win, $38.20. Forecast (1-4) Div. $195.10.
Place, 1st $17.10; 2nd $11.90.
Double Event 8/7 (5-1) Div. $43.50.

10—500 yd. flat.—1, Our Delight; 2, Matador.
Short head.—Time, 30.17.
Win, $21.10. Forecast (4-5) Div. $109.40.
Place, 1st $12.50; 2nd $12.60.
Double Event 9/10 (1-4) Div. $77.30.

11—500 yd. flat.—1, Chilly Eve; 2, Fly Catcher.
5 lengths.—Time, 29.62.
Win, $10.40. Forecast (6-5) Div. $84.70.
Place, 1st $7.60; 2nd $15.70.

Light Horse Beat Foreign Y.M.C.A.

British Army Too Strong For Columbia Club; 2nd Division Squash Matches

Little of the unexpected was provided in yesterday's squash rackets second league results, the Light Horse just managing to take the measure of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. by the odd game in five and the Race Club and the Hongkong Bank having a local derby at the Race Club wherein honours were split up to the time of going to press as N. J. Stabb and G. Talbot had not played their match, which is very likely to be postponed. Each team had up to that time won two games.

The third match of the day saw the British Army team winning their contest by five straight matches and thereby maintaining their record which was slightly lowered in their engagements with the Rowing Club last week.

Probably the best games were seen at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. where the S.V.C. unit were without their popular O. C. "Buffy" Maitland. His place as first string was taken by Alec White who won his match, and J. B. Brown was brought in as No. 5 to mabe up their full number in the team. The Light Horse won their match by three matches to two the first three members of the team doing excellently.

At the Race Club The Bank team showed that their senior members were much to the fore when McCutcheon won handsomely from Jacob, and Norman beat Rigg. The other matches were fairly well fought out and play was interesting.

The Army turned out a strong enough team to dispose of the Columbians and among those who took part for the British regular unit was General Simmons who won his match handsomely. The Columbians are putting up a stout display against stronger teams and are to be complimented on their sporting display with but a weak handful of players to pick from.

LIGHT HORSE 3, FOREIGN Y.M.C.A. "B" 2

A. A. White defeated S. T. Berglof, 9-6, 10-9, 9-5.
G. F. H. Bichard defeated E. J. Sluis, 4-9, 9-4, 9-1, 9-5.
J. G. W. Lewis defeated A. E. Lawrence, 9-7, 9-6, 9-3.
A. R. Forsythe lost to G. R. Botelho, 7-9, 2-9, 3-9.
J. B. Brown lost to P. Oliviera, 5-9, 8-10, 7-9.

RACE CLUB "B" 2, BANK 2

(one game unplayed)

J. R. Jacob lost to W. R. McCutcheon, 0-9, 2-9, 3-9.
A. G. Norman defeated W. H. B. Rigg, 9-2, 9-3, 9-4.
A. V. Striker lost to M. W. Turner, 0-9, 2-9, 3-9.
G. Talbot and N. J. Stabb postponed.
J. S. Flood defeated J. Hall, 9-2, 9-3, 9-4.

BRITISH ARMY 5, COLUMBIA C.C. 0

J. S. Powell defeated F. R. Nance, 9-5, 9-5, 9-6.
J. R. Cole defeated R. Gould, 7-9, 9-4, 9-2, 9-0.
F. K. Simmons defeated J. R. Reed, 7-9, 9-6, 9-2, 9-3.
A. R. Marsh defeated H. V. Bernard, 9-6, 9-2, 9-2.
A. C. A. Cater defeated S. F. Jensen, 9-3, 9-4, 9-5.

Teeing Off Times At Seekingjao

The Shanghai Golf Club have arranged the following schedule of teeing off times this week-end.

SATURDAY

12.24 Neumann, Mrs. Gluckauf
12.52 Bardwell, Steen
12.56 Schinzel, Partner
1.04 Malcolm, Marr
1.08 MacFarlane, Jacobs
1.12 Bone, MacGregor/Vice President
1.24 Brooks, Jones/Piper, Appelboom
1.32 Drysdale, Jarvis/Bell, Smith
1.44 Jourdin, Isherwood
1.48 McDonald, Ewing/Smith, Paterson
1.56 Openshaw, Drysdale
2.04 President/Brooke, Breen
2.12 Deegan, Burnett
2.16 Saphiere, Huggett (4 Ball)
2.24 Barry, Walker (4 Ball)
2.28 Kelen, Vajda (4 Ball)

SUNDAY

8.36 Scott, Aucott
8.44 Hartnett, Barrett/Smith, Cox
8.52 Munn, Alexander
8.56 Jacobs, McCants/Barry, Walker
9.08 Piper, Malcolm/Brisk, Ross
9.16 Appelboom, Brooks
9.24 Riggs, Davidson/Clark, Farnham
9.32 MacFarlane, Jourdin/Brown, Bell
9.44 Vice President/Saphiere, Dwyer
9.52 Carson, Glass/President
10.04 Chalmers, Rigg
10.08 Russell, Isherwood
10.12 Neumann, Kelen
10.16 Cantopher, Munro
10.24 Martin, Allan/Openshaw, Maughan
10.32 Drysdale, Miss Ross
10.36 Gummey, Mrs. Gluckauf
10.44 Brister, Ballingall
11.56 King, Sawyer
12.04 Burnett, Ferrell
1.04 Evelie, Berthier
1.32 Grubb, Farnham

Booking chits for starting times for Christmas and Boxing days should reach the Shanghai Golf Club Secretary's Office by 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 23, 1939.

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TO-DAY at 7.30 p.m.

Events 1-8:
1. ICHASO
2. ESCORIAZA
3. RAFAEL
4. TACOLO
5. LACA
6. FERNANDO

Events 9-16:
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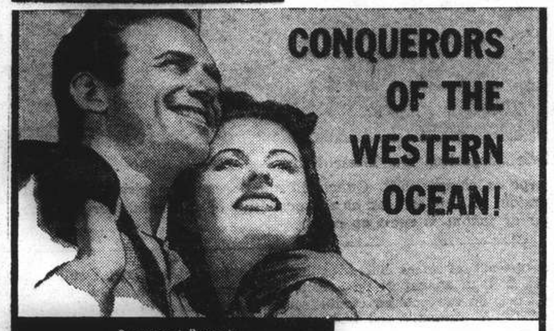

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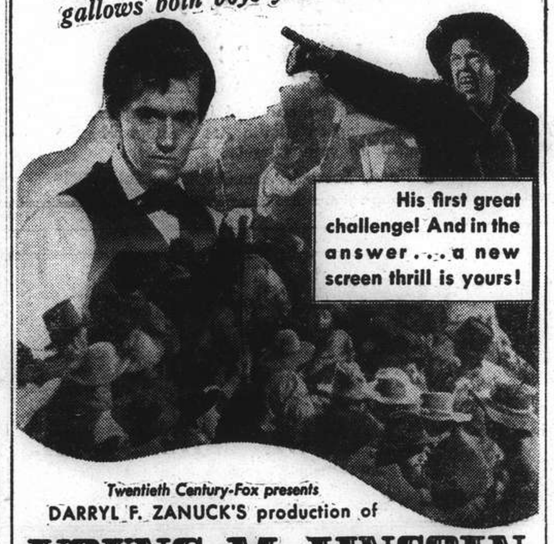

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Bus Batters Shop In Nanking Road

Driverless Vehicle Kills Tricyclist in Mad Dash Into Hope Bros. Door

An entirely empty bus crossed Nanking Road at the busy Honan Road intersection yesterday morning, making terrified pedestrians and rickshaw pullers scatter like flies, and finally crashing into the main entrance of Hope Brothers & Co., dealers in watches and optical instruments. On its way, the wild bus crumpled up a delivery tricycle and injured the rider so seriously that he died a short time afterwards.

The freak accident occurred at 9.40 o'clock. The bus, belonging to No. 5 Route, had stalled at the south side of Nanking Road while northbound, and all passengers had been ordered to alight. The driver was instructed by a Chinese inspector of the China General Omnibus Co. to crank the vehicle. He did so, and as apparently proper precautions to prevent the bus from starting suddenly had not been taken, the heavy vehicle began to move. It gathered speed as it went crazily across Shanghai's most congested thoroughfare, spreading terror in its path. The traffic light was showing green as the bus swerved diagonally across Nanking Road into the southbound stream of traffic on Honan Road, and finally squarely into the corner entrance of Hope Brothers' shop.

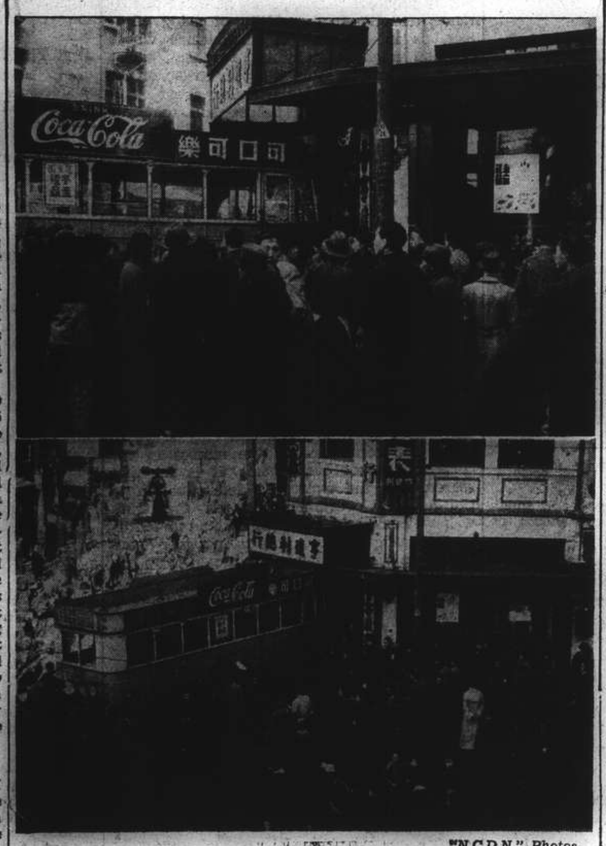
Cycle and Coolie Crushed

A Chinese delivery coolie employed by a factory in Rue Amiral Bayle was going north on a tricycle in front of the bus when the driverless vehicle started its wild dash. He was unable to get out of the way in time and the bus simply reduced the tricycle to scrap metal and crushed the unfortunate rider. The coolie suffered a fracture of the lower part of the spine and, although he was taken immediately to St. Luke's Hospital in an ambulance, he died shortly afterwards. No one else was injured.

The entrance to Hope Brothers' shop was badly damaged but the main plate-glass windows facing on Nanking Road and on Honan Road remained intact. The front of the bus almost completely barred the entrance and was draped with a smashed Neon sign and other debris. Outwardly, the bus itself had suffered little damage but both axles had been broken and the radiator twisted. The vehicle was entirely out of commission.

Large crowds kept pushing about the wreckage until finally the bus was towed away. The debris was quickly cleared from the shop entrance and by 11 o'clock the corner had resumed a normal aspect.

Members of the Central Police Station traffic and detective offices conducted a thorough investigation into the strange accident, questioning the driver and a number of witnesses. The police were detaining the driver last night and it is understood that he will be brought before the First Special District Court today.



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Bus Runs into Nanking Road Watch Shop

Scores of persons walking in Nanking Road were compelled to run for their lives yesterday morning when a Route No. 5. omnibus got out of control and smashed into the entrance of Hope Brothers & Co., the large Chinese watch and instrument shop at the corner of Honan Road. A Chinese was seriously injured. The damage to the shop, however, was comparatively small. Above are scenes from the crash, with the bus rammed squarely into the doorway, and a large crowd watching the odd spectacle.

Chinese Who Robbed American Jailed

"Night Out" Cost Visitor U.S. $250

Three of the four persons recently arrested by the Louza police in connection with a case of larceny in which an American businessman was victimized to the extent of U.S.$250 while having a good time in a Kwangsi Road sing song house were sentenced to prison terms yesterday by the First Special District Court. Wong Ching-kwei and Hsu Tien-min were each sentenced to six months' imprisonment while a professional girl entertainer drew 50 days. The manageress of the establishment was declared not guilty.

After arriving here from America on the President Taft, F. L. Noble, an American businessman put up at the Palace Hotel. On November 9, he went with a foreign friend on a sight-seeing trip and after spending many happy hours in cafes in the western district they finally decided to go to a place in Kwangsi Road. There the American businessman was entertained by Wang Hsiao-mei, the sentenced girl.

They did not stay there for a long time. The victim returned to his hotel early in the morning but many hours later he discovered that his wallet containing American money had been lost. The police have so far recovered a small fraction of the stolen money. All the accused were arrested in the Kwangsi Road establishment.

Return to Sun Yat-sen Spirit Advocated

Japanese Party Leader Shows Way to Peace

Nanking, Dec. 21.

Harmony will be naturally restored between China and Japan if the Chinese people will revert to the spirit, prevailing in the revolutionary days of 1911, Mr. Fusanosuke Kuhara, President of the Seiyukai and leader of the orthodox faction of the political party, predicted here today. Mr. Kuhara arrived in Nanking from Peiping by air yesterday afternoon in the course of a tour of Manchoukuo, north and South China.

The same spirit as that which actuated the patriots who made possible the Meiji Restoration in Japan in the last century guided the Chinese who rallied around Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the father of the Chinese Republic, Mr. Kuhara declared. He was among the Japanese who had assisted the movement for the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty, the Japanese political leader recalled.

Mr. Kuhara said he intended to call upon Mr. Wang Ching-wei, leader of the "reformed" Kuomintang, in Shanghai.—Domei.

Kerosene on Fire Along Hongkew Creek

The Shanghai Fire Brigade and members of the Japanese Naval Landing Party together extinguished a fire involving tins of kerosene on an S.M.C. jetty facing Hongkew Creek early yesterday afternoon. The firemen were called to Fearon Road and found a number of five-gallon tins of kerosene alight. It was estimated that altogether sixty tins were involved. No-one was injured.

Contraband Patrol Holds Up Goods

Allies Now Have Huge Amounts Consigned to Germany

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Paris, Dec. 21.

Official statistics published here today show that, up to December 16, the Allies had seized 870,000 tons of contraband merchandise.

The French Navy intercepted 362,000 tons, of which 74,000 tons were dealt with last week, while the British navy seized 26,380 tons last week, bringing its total to 509,880 tons since the beginning of the war.—Reuter.

No German Exports Unloaded

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 21.

Reuter learns from official circles that the Contraband Control has not yet unloaded any exports of German origin, although a number of cargoes have been allowed to proceed under guarantees by which the shipping company concerned gives assurances that goods carried will not be released at the port of destination until the Contraband Control authorities are satisfied.

On December 19, there were 62 neutral ships in the three Contraband control bases in the United Kingdom, of which 28 vessels had been there for five days or less.

During the week ended December 16, the Contraband Committee considered the cargoes of 104 ships which had arrived since December 9, and 62 outstanding cargoes from the previous week.

In one case, the entire cargo was seized, whilst in 91 cases the cargoes were released, either on the first consideration or after enquiries.

The system under which advance copies of manifests are received and considered before the ships' arrival, resulted in 19 cases being so dealt with, and in 15 cases of the ships concerned being released by the Committee, subject merely to the formal checking of the original manifests on their arrival at the control bases.—Wireless through Reuter.

In response to the appeal made by Mr. Leslie Burgin, Minister of Supply, 5,500 pairs of binoculars have now been sent by private owners to the Ministry of Supply Armament Inspection Department in London.

French Relations with Soviet Discussed

Some Frenchmen Suggest Breaking Off

Paris, Dec. 20.

Following the unanimous decision to expel their two communist colleagues, the members of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Deputies discussed the question of relations with Soviet Russia at their meeting today, and several suggested the rupture of diplomatic relations with that country.

They stressed the favourable repercussions such action would have upon neutral powers such as Spain and Italy.

Among the members in favour of such action was M. Pierre-Etienne Flandin, former Premier.

The Committee also examined the Finnish problem in light of the recent resolution adopted by the League of Nations appealing to members to help Finland as much as they could, and of the Allied Supreme War Council meeting two days ago at which the possibility of assisting Finland was discussed.—Havas.

Chinese Defrauded of $2,500

Business Deal Turns to Be Gambling Swindle

A former employee of the Hwa Shing Hong, 159 Peking Road, and another man, Ke Yi-jen, were brought before the First Special District Court yesterday and charged with fraud in which they were alleged to have obtained, by trick, $2,500 from Ma Ching-piao, manager of the hong, in a gambling party at which they played *pachiu*.

Police evidence was that Shao Chin-kwei, the former employee, recently asked his former manager if he was willing to earn several thousand dollars by dealing in pencils quoted at ridiculously low prices. Shao was alleged to have introduced the manager to three men whom he met in a Kweichow Road hotel.

At the first meeting, the business proposal was merely discussed for a short time. They soon turned their attention to gambling. It was suggested that a *pachia* gambling party should be arranged for the next day. They all turned up at the specified time and after the game, the manager lost $2,500. Another *pachiu* party was arranged but the victim soon realized that he was being defrauded. He informed the police who arrested the two accused but they have not yet found the other swindlers or recovered the money.

Neutral Paper Criticizes German War News

Quotes Graf Spee Story As Case of Distortion

Stockholm, Dec. 21.

The newspaper "Dagens Nyheter" sharply criticizes the exaggerations of German war claims, taking the destruction of the pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee as an example.

The paper points out the difficulty of the neutral press in presenting facts fully and impartially.

Neutral editors, says the "Dagens Nyheter," witnessed three naval battles when the engagement between the Admiral Graf Spee and British cruisers took place. First there was the actual engagement at the mouth of the River Plate. Secondly there were the German press telegrams on the action. Thirdly came the British account, although the real battle was more in accordance with the British story than with that simultaneously issued by the Germans.

The "Dagens Nyheter" concludes: "The German authorities must recognize that the mistrust with which their war reports are received is not based on hostility or British influence. The case of the Graf Spee shows mistrust is based in the first place on the nature of German news material itself."—Reuter.

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Autographed Flag to Be Given Wang Ching-wei

Japanese Waiters Prepare Gift to Peace Advocate

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

One name for every 30 male residents of Tokyo will be on a 13-foot flag to be presented to Mr. Wang Ching-wei on New Year's Day, it was announced here today. The banner will be the gift from restaurant employees in the Shibuya suburb of Tokyo, and in addition to bearing the autographs of 100,000 men will have 100,000 stitches sewn by as many women.

Restaurant employees today were busily soliciting autographs and stitches on the main streets of Tokyo in order to have the flag ready for presentation on January.

Gen. Toshizo Nishio, Commander of Japanese forces in China, will present the flag to Mr. Wang, who will be the central figure of the proposed new Central Government of China.—Domei.

Japanese Emperor Cuts Down New Year Rites

Banquet to Be Foregone In Emergency

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

New Year rites for the Imperial Court were arranged today by the Imperial Household Department.

Last services of the year will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of December 31, while on New Year's Day religious services will be held at 5.30 o'clock on the morning of January 1.

The annual New Year military review will be held at the Yoyogi parade grounds on January 8.

Taking into consideration the present emergency situation, the Emperor will forego the New Year banquet and Imperial Court luncheon usually attended by members of the nobility and those holding high court ranks, it was announced.

The Empress will receive New Year's Day greetings on New Year's Day and January 2.—Domei.

FUNERALS

Mr. Gleb M. Larkin

In the presence of a large number of mourners, the remains of the late Mr. Gleb Michel Larin were laid to rest yesterday afternoon at the Lokawei Cemetery. Mr. Larin had been a resident of this city for the past nine years and was employed by the Henningsen Produce Co., Federal Inc. U.S.A., a number of whose staff members were present at the last rites. Funeral services took place at the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road, preceding interment. The deceased is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Larin, and sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Bush, all of whom were present at the services. The casket was carried to the grave by Messrs. V. Savitsky, A. Assev, G. Ivanoff, T. Ivanoff, V. Eremkin and B. A. Bush. The religious services were conducted by Father Modest and Deacon Konovaloff, of the Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Rue Paul Henry.

Mrs. Alice Pincott

The funeral took place at the Bubbling Well Cemetery Wedntsday afternoon of Mrs. Alice Pincott whose death occurred at the Country Hospital on Sunday. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bailey, Miss L. Bailey, John and Bertie Bailey. Dean Trivett of the Cathedral was the officiating clergyman. A beautiful floral cross from all members of the family was lowered into the grave with the coffin. The pallbearers were:—Messrs. P. E. Andrews, F. O. Madar, G. E. Brockett, V. Pfeifer, H. Martin and W. A. Munnings.

Among those sending wreaths were:—

George and Audrey, Mrs. Brockett, Sn., Fred and Mary, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. de Vera and family, Misses L. and H. Ford and Miss E. Kay, Jessie, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sell, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Johns, N. Armes, Harry and Grannie, Aunty Davy, Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Palmer, Connie, Austine and Brian, Anne Mooney, Mr. and Mrs. V. Pfeiffer, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Andrews and family, Mrs. J. R. Lee and family, Emma, Janey and Bill Turner, Mr. R. W. Fraser, Mr. E. Comas, Mr. Dennis Yao, Mr. Victor Chu, Mr. John A. Brockett, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dow and family, E. Madar, Mr. and Mrs. R. Johnstone, Hankow Aunty, Mr. A. S. Ahmed, Mr. A. M. Quinones, Mr. J. J. Doong, Mr. G. Poliak, Mr. E. J. Harvey, Mr. S. F. Harvey, Mrs. Kogansky, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Dannenberg, Mrs. Crank, Mrs. Honniball, Mrs. Alves, Mrs. Gentile, Miss De Leon, Miss Campos, Mrs. A. Parker and May, Mrs. K. Carvill, Mr. and Mrs. Packwood, Stella, Bill, Sonny, and Teddy, Mr. and Mrs. Mack, etc.

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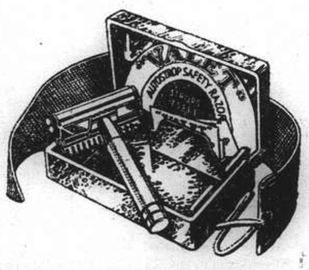

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DEATH

ISRAEL.—On Wednesday, December 20, 1939, at the Country Hospital, BERTHA JANE HYDE ISRAEL, aged 55 years, widow of the late Albert J. Israel and sister of Thurman R. Hyde. Removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. Funeral services will be held today, Friday, December 22, 1939, at the Bubbling Well Cemetery at 4 p.m.

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BETTER NEWS POLICY

If ever there were a splendid example of the British genius for muddling through it is to be found in the hurried construction of the Ministry of Information at the commencement of the war. It had been established in skeleton form some short while before, but the advent of hostilities necessitated the full staffing of the Ministry with the concomittant confusion which inevitably ensued. It is not the intention, however, to discuss the early history of the Ministry but rather to refer to the very much improved handling of news by it as displayed during the last few weeks. At the commencement, while the Ministry was shaking itself into some sort of shape, the news handed out for dissemination by the Press was of the scantiest, colourless and completely uninteresting. It was imperative that considerable reticence should be observed, even if only for military and naval reasons, but the failure to give the public of the world adequate information of what was going on, and which could properly be divulged, created very great unrest and aroused considerable criticism. That was probably best expressed in a skit on the B.B.C. news broadcasts which appeared in a recent edition of "The New Statesman and Nation":—

6 p.m.
"In the communiqué we repeat
Official reserve is complete.
According to Reuter, the Fleet
Has captured (I'm sorry) some crews.
Reconnaissance flights have been flown,
Important results have been shown.
The Market closed firmer in tone,
And that's the end of the news."

It was just that sort of thing, into which the reading and listening public could not get its teeth, which created exasperation. The war correspondents of the world Press had not been permitted to go to the front with the British forces, and all the news which was available was framed in arid official phraseology as though there were an attempt to hide something. The despatch of Press representatives to France led to the first signs of improvement, and from that moment onwards the war began to be interpreted to the ordinary man in the street in terms which could be better understood, and in volume which was altogether more gratifying.

The improvement has been steady ever since, and the past few days have clearly demonstrated that at last the British Government is commencing to realize that the full mobilization of the news arm is in its way every bit as important as the organization of those other and more material forms of defence and offence. The promptitude with which the British Admiralty announced the sinking of the Rawalpindi and the descriptive manner in which it was reported was one of the early instances where the dry bones of mere information received the flesh of detail, which provided a full, and convincing picture of what happened. The manner in which the engagement of the Admiral Graf Spee, its flight into Montevideo, and the subsequent scuttling of the ship was also admirably, and fully covered, though the fact that the censors could not exercise their influence over neutral news agencies is something which cannot be disregarded. Nevertheless the despatches of the news agencies of the Allies gave good graphic accounts of what had happened, and, it may be, encouraged the British Admiralty to come forward with better accounts of the exploits of the submarines Ursula and Salmon. The promptness with which the latest air action over the North Sea was reported, and the manner of its description again showed the same evidence of considerable improvement of official realization of the type of news and its presentation which is likely to prove more effective, and while it is realized that official communiqués must betray a very considerable degree of reserve, it appears also to be recognized that too complete a reticence may be just as harmful on the home front as overmuch loquacity may be in those areas where battle is joined. Indeed it was remarked only the other day that the news now provided did really convince readers that there was a war on after all. This is all to the good. Had there been a fuller supply of news in the early days of hostilities, there would never have been heard that allegation by an American politician that the Allies were pulling their punches, and the first effect of the improvement in the quality of news liberated is that the peoples of the world are able to take a closer interest in what is happening, and are afforded a better opportunity of founding their sympathy with the Allied cause on something more solid than was hitherto presented.

There is every reason to expect that this improvement will be maintained. It is realized that there are occasions when for purely physical reasons, such as those of distance, and the inadvisability of using wireless, as in the case of submarines whose position might thereby be revealed, there must be some delay in the publication of the full description of a particular event. But the general rule still holds good that the quicker the authorities are to publish information, whether it is good news or bad, the better it will be for the continued prosecution of the war. It is part of the genius of both the British and the French that they can take a defeat, and admit it. There was in the last war very little attempt to gloze over the bad times through which the Allies at times had to pass. Where it was attempted it did nothing but create irritation. Where people can accept reverses without flinching, where such news only serves to strengthen the determination to fight on to the bitter end, to strive until temporary defeat is transformed into permanent victory, it would be the height of folly to seek to withhold information, which, when it eventually does come to light, can only serve to shake the confidence of the masses in the Government set over them. It is for that reason that the expressed determination of the Allied Governments to tell the truth was welcomed in the first case; the telling of the truth with the greatest possible detail is but an improvement of the generally expressed policy, and the more intimate the interest which the Allied peoples are allowed to take in the progress of hostilities, the more the facts of the fighting are brought home to them, the greater the sympathy and support which will be forthcoming for the respective governments. Recent improvements are consequently most heartily to be welcomed, and it is hoped that the Allied Governments will persevere in their policy, which, in view of all the circumstances, is the only sound one possible, and the one which is best calculated to acquaint the people with the magnitude of the task which is still ahead.

Straws in the Wind

Messages from London, and Peiping, carried by the United Press, and Reuters respectively, report that a German bank in Peiping is advising its German clients to get rid of holdings in Swedish kroner as soon as possible. It may be only a straw to indicate which way the wind is blowing, but, if it is, it is suggested that the bank in question is possessed of information showing that a recent cablegram suggesting that Sweden's iron deposits, are attracting the envious eyes of both Germany and Russia was not without some foundation. It will be remembered that the message in question spoke of the possibility of Germany and Russia both striving to obtain control of the Swedish iron deposits, and industry, and spoke of the possibility of Germany having to race Russia in an attempt to seize control first. Whichever country made the first onslaught upon Sweden, the first result would be damaging to the value of the Swedish currency, so that the report in itself does not necessarily indicate whether one or the other, or both combined will make the expected attack on Sweden. In the face of the possible threat the failure of the Scandinavian rulers to come to agreement on some form of common defence against the anticipated onslaughts of either Germany or Russia is to be regretted, for the only protection they have against being picked off one by one is co-operation in common defence once their neutrality is assailed. Nothing is clearer now than the fact that Finland is not only fighting its own battle but the battle of the whole of the Scandinavian peninsula, and, if it is to succeed in a struggle in which already it is showing such striking prowess, Scandinavian assistance should be forthcoming unsparingly. Of this both Norway and Sweden may be perfectly well certain; whatever assurances may have been given them by either Berlin or Moscow they are utterly worthless as protection against the rapacious desires of their unprincipled neighbours, and the prospect of a double invasion of Sweden is not one which is lightly to be disregarded. The fact of the matter is that Germany's need for the Swedish iron supplies is an imperative one. That of Russia may not be so urgent, unless of course M. Stalin sees in the seizure of the Swedish metal industry a means not only of enriching Russia but at the same time of keeping Germany poor. Should such an anticipated seizure come about, and Russia gets there first, there is absolutely no surety that Germany would in any way benefit, certainly not except on terms which Herr Hitler might not like but would have to accept. His fear of having to fight on two fronts is responsible for the sorry plight he has got himself into in northern Europe, and it is unlikely that, when Germany finally emerges from the present struggle, she will be at all strong enough to wrest back from Russia what Herr Hitler has so recklessly thrown away.

Multilingual

One of the Nazi sneers at the beginning of the radio propaganda war was the allegation that the English are so characteristically and intellectually deficient in the language sense that foreigners had to be employed by the B.B.C. in order to embark on a multilingual information service. The Nazis then proceeded to destroy their own argument by employing Norman Baillie-Stewart, the ex-Guards officer convicted as a spy, as one of their principal speakers on the English programme. These statements have been in common usage for years, some sort of exclusive privilege having long been assumed by other peoples for fluency in languages in spite of the great part played by English scholars in linguistic fields abroad. Accepted in its broadest sense, the Nazi standard of perfection must have been shocked when Mr. Edward Burgin, British Minister of Supply, entertaining members of the Foreign Press Association to luncheon in London, addressed them in English, his mother tongue, and then switched off successively to French, German, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian — no mean linguistic accomplishment. The fact is that far too long have such false statements been permitted to circulate without refutation. Most of the peoples of the world must use English as the *lingua franca* because of the inter-relations dependent on the economic, political, and cultural influence of the Anglo-Saxon peoples, but that does not imply a total ignorance or incapacity on the part of the native English-speaking peoples to speak other languages.

A COUNTRY DIARY

Dec. 20.—As stated in a recent diary entry, I was greatly shaken by the remark of an English editor in which he suggested that a bird "has no concept of purpose." I know, of course, that birds are most unreliable in many of their actions and can well be compared to Kipling's *Bandalog*, but I must maintain that they have a very definite concept of purpose which amounts to logical thought comparable with the product of human brain. Here is an example. When the cold weather comes I put out, in addition to the ordinary food, lures of peanuts strung on wires (or shelled nuts contained in other devices) to encourage those pretty little Titmice known as Lesser Grey Tits: the local sparrow, being a very clever bird, quickly learns to change his habits and to cling (ever so clumsily) to the food supply reserved for Tits; worse than this, the sparrows wait for the Tits and steal the food from them as they win it from the difficult positions in which it is purposely placed. But the Titmice are not to be defeated: they wait around in the trees until I have put the soft foods out ....and *within five seconds* they are in the tree where their food is kept in order to get it while the sparrows are otherwise engaged: I have checked this for many days and am certain of my facts. These tiny Titmice must therefore have the following logical train of thought: (a) A known figure will hand out food at a certain hour after sunrise (b) this will take the sparrows away from the food we covet (c) therefore, hang around in safe cover until this happens, and (d) dash out swiftly and take our coveted food while the highbinders and thieves are otherwise engaged. That is what they actually do, and if that is not logical thought....then I must go out of business as an observer.

IN PARENTHESIS

Just The Opposite

MRS. Brown: "Was your first husband in comfortable circumstances when he died?"

Mrs. Smith: "No. 'e was 'alfway under a train."

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Happy Family

"THIS is my sister, sir," said the subaltern bashfully, when he unexpectedly met his company commander in Hyde Park.

"That's all right," said his senior, with a kindly smile, after glancing at the highstepper by the subaltern's side. "She used to be my sister."

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Ever Ready

AT the important factory where I work, the telephone is manned day and night to receive immediate warning of any air-raid.

On the first night of war I was on duty and sat tense and expectant by the 'phone, ready for action in any emergency.

In the early hours of the morning, as my shift drew to its end, there was a knock at the door. A post office lineman looked in and, to my immense humiliation, said: "I have called to connect your 'phone. It's not yet in working order."

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Football

THE sergeant was taking particulars of the new recruits. As each man came forward he asked, "age and birthplace," and these were the replies:—

"20, Huddersfield Town."
"20, Cardiff City."
"21, Bristol City."
"20, York City,"

and so on, until at last came the inevitable Cockney, who, not to be outdone by the impressive names of towns he had heard, replied: "21, Tottenham Hotspur."

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England in Wartime

DREAMING that his toes were being nibbled by Nazi mice, a young sentry, who was guarding a regimental goat in a South Coast camp, jumped out of what he believed to be his sentry-box and fell smack through the skylight of the sergeants' mess, alighting on the head of a company sergeant-major who in civil life was an acrobat.

"Oop! Voila!" cried the company sergeant-major jovially, and threw the young sentry on the floor.

It was later discovered that the goat had strayed into the officers' quarters and eaten the colonel's busby.

While an East Sussex air-raid warden was collecting glow-worms from a hedge and covering them with darkened jam-jars there was a sudden explosion, which blew a young policewoman into his arms. It is thought that her heart may have been affected.

"I haven't seen him in the daylight yet," she confessed to a veterinary surgeon who arrived on the scene in response to an urgent call, "but I'm sure he's terribly handsome."

The air-raid warden has joined the Buffs.

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Der Big Shot

(HITLER has been practising revolver-shooting at moving targets every day since the outbreak of the war.)

Heil! They call me Six Shot Adolf,
I'm der terror of der world,
And above all weaker peoples
Is der Swastika unfurled.
Now to scare der evil British
Is my most supreme design—
Und I plan to shoot der washing
Off der glorious Siefried Line.

Ev'ry day I practise shooting,
Though at first—der joke is rich—
I drilled several holes in Goering
And they had to bury Fritsch,
Und I punctured Doktor Goebbels—
You can take that for a sign
That mein patience is exhausted
Mit der washing on der Line.

For I will not see it waving
On der holy German soil,
So I oil my gun each morning
Mit Mein Kampforated oil.
I must do it—I, not Hermann—
When I ask him, he says, "Nein"—
He would sooner see der lovelies
In der glorious Ziegfeld Line

When I think of Winston Churchill
I would like to shoot der scamp.
As for Chamberlain, I'd put him
In a gonzentration "gamp";
For at hitting moving targets
I have skill, as I can prove,
But der English, they have fooled me—
For they all refuse to move!

—BEE, in the "Daily Mail."

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min. 43.0	Max. 62.0
Same date, 1938	Min. 41.5	Max. 49.0

Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min. 40.5	Max. 64.9
Same date, 1938	Min. 42.3	Max. 48.0

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 20th:—Pressure rather high to normal and steady over China, Korea and Japan. Typhoon crossing the Pacific north-eastward. Fine and cold weather with regular winter monsoon along the China Coast.

State on the morning of the 21st:—Fine and cold weather. Easterly breezes. High and steady pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Cloudy and milder weather with northerly to easterly winds along the China Coast and over our regions.—Siccawei Observatory.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

TO THE BRITISH WAR FUND

Mrs. G. B. Bisset, in lieu of Xmas Cards	$20.00

FOR THE CHINESE CHILDREN FOR CHRISTMAS

M. P.	$10.00

TO THE KING'S DAUGHTERS' SOCIETY

Proceeds Knatty Knitters' Klub Bazaar	$100.00

TO THE B. W. A. WORK FUND

Miss R. Stanley, in lieu of Christmas Cards	$20.00

TO THE I. C. MILK FUND

L. Vegh	$20.00
I. C. for services rendered	30.00

TO THE SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS FUND

R. C. and family	$50.00
A. Brondal	50.00

TO THE EUROPEAN REFUGEE MATERNITY WARD

R. E. Kadoorie	$100.00
H. A. Meyer	10.00

TO THE RICKSHAW FUND

Anonymous	$10.00
Anonymous	10.00

TO THE SALVATION ARMY

Proceeds Knatty Knitters' Klub Bazaar	$300.00
Mrs. H. de Villard	$20.00

TO THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

In memory of Blanche:— Walter Broom	$100.00

TO THE INSTITUTION FOR THE CHINESE BLIND

Mrs. H. de Villard	$20.00
G. Findlay Andrew	50.00
Public School for Chinese	150.00
Shanghai Parsee Cemetery Trust Fund	206.00
Shanghai Rotary Club	100.00
Union Church Women's Guild	200.00

German Planes Active Over North Sea

Bombing and Machinegunning of Trawlers and Fishing Boats Angers London; Nazi Aircraft Strafe Survivors; Detailed Accounts Given

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 21.

THE recent German campaign of bombing and machine-gunning unarmed trawlers and small fishing vessels, which is provoking considerable indignation here, is generally considered to be a result from the failure of German endeavours both in the illegal mine-laying campaign and all other forms of sea warfare. Skipper J. M. Hall, of the trawler Isabella Greig (210 tons), gives an account of how his ship was bombed and machine-gunned by German aircraft last Sunday—an example typical of many such cowardly and merciless attacks.

"Two aircraft recognized as twin-engined Heinkels, were sighted coming from the east-south-east. "The trawler's crew of ten took cover. The aircraft came on flying low and passed, one on each side of the trawler, the gunners opening fire with their machine-guns. Altogether, they circled over the Isabella Greig eight times, their wing-tips nearly touching the water as they turned.

"During one short respite, the crew started to lower their boat, but the aeroplanes returned, opened heavy fire and wounded two men."

Meanwhile, the skipper had, with great difficulty, managed to get off a wireless signal. Finally, the boat was lowered and was put to water, riddled with bullets, and a water barrel punctured. The crew, taking the two wounded with them, abandoned ship, and the aircraft went off to the north-east.

When the boat was 500 yards away from the trawler, which was still afloat, the aircraft returned and opened fire on the boat, luckily without result, and dropped three more bombs.

British aeroplanes then appeared, and the Germans made off in the direction of home.

This trawler, enirely unarmed, was flying the British mercantile flag and was engaged in fishing.

The German aircraft, it is stated, gave no warning whatever before opening fire, and had apparently flown 350 miles from Germany for the set purpose of murdering Scottish fishermen.

Evening newspapers here give details of further similar outrages.

On the night of December 19, it is added, the German announcer brazenly admitted air attacks on 24 defenceless fishing vessels and tried to excuse them by describing the vessels as "warships and naval auxiliaries."—Reuter.

British Trawler Bombed

Bergen, Dec. 21.

German planes dropped seven bombs upon the British trawler Trinidad yesterday, sinking the vessel within a few minutes.

The crew attempted to swim to pieces of wreckage and life rafts floating about, it was said. The German planes were alleged to have dived and machine-gunned the men in the water, wounding one in the leg.

No further details of the bombing were available. Five members of the crew were still missing.—United Press.

Crew Machine-gunned

Oslo, Dec. 21.

The latest German outrage against neutral nations was reported here today by the captain to the Estonian ship Uko, sailing under a Panama flag, which was attacked and sunk on Tuesday by a German plane 80 miles off the coast of Norway.

The plane dropped five bombs on the Uko, and machine-gunned the crew while they were taking to the life-boats, the captain stated. One man was hit by the bullets, and was hospitalized upon being landed in the county of Koparvik. The entire crew of eleven men and two women drifted for fifteen hours before they were picked up by the Swedish steamer Rogaland.—Havas.

Mystery Craft

London, Dec. 21.

Unidentified aircraft appeared for a short time over the eastern counties last night, it is officially announced.

Searchlights were brought into action and fighting planes sent up to investigate, but no contact was made. Anti-aircraft guns were not used and there were no air raid warnings.

The Air Ministry denies the statement made by the German High Command that a British flyingboat was shot down on Tuesday.

A flyingboat, the Air Ministry asserts, encountered a German machine off the Norwegian coast. The plane was driven off, however, and the British aircraft returned to its base.—Reuter.

Attacks Said Futile

London, Dec. 21.

Air attacks on naval vessels are completely futile and no naval vessels have been sunk by this method, according to a special commentary issued here.

Principal German successes, it is pointed out, have been against unarmed merchant ships, including neutrals.

The Germans, the commentary claims, now dare to operate only against neutrals inside territorial waters and in the Baltic, machine-gun trawlers, and lay mines in traffic lanes normally used by neutral shipping.—Reuter.

British Planes Superior

London, Dec. 21.

British aircraft have proved to be vastly superior, and even bombers

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Americas Drafting Joint Note

Neutrality Zone Matter Brought to a Head; No Violation by Columbus

Washington, Dec. 20.

A joint declaration regarding violation of the Neutrality Zone is being drafted on behalf of 21 American Nations, and will be communicated to the belligerents within the next few days, it is learned here.

The American Republics, it is reported, will then consult on a common policy in dealing with belligerent warships in their ports.

Two suggestions are said to have already been advanced, firstly, that warships seeking refuge in American ports should immediately be interned, and secondly, that warships damaged in battle should be refused assistance, and ordered either to leave or submit to internment.

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, told the press at a conference, today "that the steps now being taken would bring the matter of the Neutrality Zone to a head."—Reuter.

Columbus Incident No Violation

Washington, Dec. 21.

The incident in which the German liner Columbus was scuttled by its crew after it had sighted a British warship Tuesday was no violation of the Neutrality Zone, Mr. Stephen Early, White House spokesman said late reports last night had confirmed.

He said the crew scuttled the vessel rather than risk an encounter or seizure after they had passed beyond the waters of the so called "Safety Belt."

State Department officials, meanwhile, denied South American reports that the United States had participated in Uruguay's decision to expel the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee from the Rio de la Plata and promised to send battleships to aid in the enforcement of the order. The report, they said was "absolutely baseless."

Reports from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, said the German freighter Arauca, which fled into Port Everglades Tuesday to escape the British cruiser Orion, would be allowed to remain indefinitely in the port if it is unarmed. Authorities were investigating whether the British cruiser entered States waters as charged by the captain of the Arauca.—United Press.

No Scare Over Swedish Currency

British Comment on Rumour From Peiping

London, Dec. 21.

British official circles declined to comment today on reports that German banks in Peiping had advised their clients to dispose of Swedish kroner.

These circles declared that they did not consider there was any immediate menace to Sweden and as a whole the Swedish currency is high.

The British officials pointed out that Sweden's most valuable assets were her iron ore mines north-west of the Gulf of Bosnia, but they believed that Chancellor Adolf Hitler is most anxious to protect these resources against Russian invasion because of Germany's pressing need for raw materials for the manufacture of armaments.—United Press.

P.I. Province Still Cut Off by Typhoon

Floods Drive Many from Their Homes

Manila, Dec. 21.

The Province of Cagayan is still cut off from the outside following the typhoon and floods two weeks ago, it was learned last night.

Authorities feared epidemics and famine might become prevalent in the region.

Eighteen hundred persons were reported homeless in Ilagan, Isabela Province as a result of the floods. The postmaster at Ilagan reported that several persons had been killed by the typhoon and the crop damages are enormous. The floods have still not receded, he said.

Meanwhile, the Red Cross in Manila appealed for additional funds for food for the homeless.—United Press.

French Naval C.-in-C. Visiting Mr. Churchill

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 21.

Admiral Darlan, Commander-in-Chief of the French Navy, arrived in England yesterday to hold conversations with Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty. After crossing the channel in a French destroyer, Admiral Darlan was received at Portsmouth by Admiral Sir William James. He was accompanied by Admiral Fouton and two other naval officers.—Reuter.

Many Shots Fired at Car And Police

Mysterious Attack in Bubbling Well Road; French Seize Bandits

Two shootings took place in Shanghai yesterday evening, one on Bubbling Well Road near Gordon Road, and the other in the French Concession not far from Avenue Edward VII. The French Police arrested two bandits, one of whom they had wounded in an exchange of bullets.

At 6.20 p.m., a gang of four men who apparently been standing waiting for its appearance, opened fire from both sides on a dark-coloured motor-car which came out of Lane 1140, Bubbling Well Road, near the intersection of Gordon Road.

The mysterious car continued on its path and drove at high speed along Bubbling Well Road towards St. George's. It could not be learned whether anyone in it had been wounded, but up to a late hour the police had not been able to trace any wounded persons to local hospitals.

At the time of the shooting a police motorcycle bearing Sub-Inspector W. H. Biggs, who is in charge of traffic police in the western area, was approaching the entrance to Lane 1140. The gunmen started firing at him, but the shots did not take effect.

It was learned that the police did not return either the first or the second burst of fire.

Motive Is Puzzling

It could not be stated whether the motive for the attack on the mystery car was political or otherwise, although a robbery theory did not seem to fit the case.

The shooting in the French Concession occurred at almost the same hour and was connected with a robbery in the eastern part of the Concession.

At 6 o'clock four Chinese bandits looted the shop of a Chinese paper merchant in Rue Vincent Mathieu, a small street running off Avenue Edward VII. The staff raised an alarm and a party of police from Poste Mallet, under Brigadier Nogue, went to the scene in steel vests. The robbers opened fire and the police responded with several shots, wounding one of the bandits. Brigadier Nogue had a narrow escape, as he was fired on at close range. He was saved by his steel waistcoat.

Besides the wounded man, a robber was arrested and the police seized a pistol and $108 out of the $400 taken by the gang. Two men escaped.

Large Gangs Operating

Two other bold robberies were committed yesterday evening. At 6 o'clock seven men, four of whom were seen to be armed, entered a silk weaving factory at 48 Zung Chi Li, of Chemulpo Road in Yangtszepoo, cowed some twenty employees and stole money, jewellery and clothing to the total value of about $1,200. This large gang escaped, and no shots were fired.

At 6.45 o'clock a band of thirteen men, heavily armed, looted a Chinese cloth hong in Lane 713, Peking Road, in the Louza district, and carried off the safe which they put into a public rickshaw. They escaped with their loot.

A Chinese was stabbed in the course of another robbery, in the Eastern district.

Gneisenau Reported To Be Sunk

Hit by Unknown Sub or Mined, Say Reports

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.

Information reaching here from Latvia indicates that according to reliable sources, the crack German liner Gneisenau—which is well-known in Shanghai having been on the regular Far Eastern run before the war—and which had left Riga on December 2, was sunk either by an unknown submarine or a mine, while on her way to Germany with refugees.

Fishermen, according to these same reports, declare that the luxury-liner sank within a few minutes and that all passengers, including 100 "Arbeitsdienst" men, were drowned or killed by the explosion.

On the other hand, it is confirmed that incendiary bombs were placed on the German steamer Sierra Cordoba having been concealed in emigrants' luggage. Various versions were circulated in Riga but the Latvian authorities observe the greatest discretion regarding the whole affair.—Havas.

Generous Response to Red Cross Drive

One Canadian Contributes $150,000 for Hospital

London, Dec. 21.

The magnificent gift by a citizen of Toronto has enabled Canada to meet the cost of its first war hospital being erected in Buckinghamshire.

Hearing that $150,000 would provide the entire cost, this private citizen, who remains anonymous, sent a cheque for the whole amount.

The gift was made to the Toronto branch of the Red Cross Society, where $825,000 was raised in the first fortnight of a Dominion-wide campaign to provide $3,000,000 for Red Cross work. By the end of last month, the fund, which was inaugurated on November 12, had already reached $2,988,799.—Reuter.

All Classes of Canadians Rallied to Form First Expeditionary Force

Contingent Now in England Represents Citizen Force From Every Province of Dominion

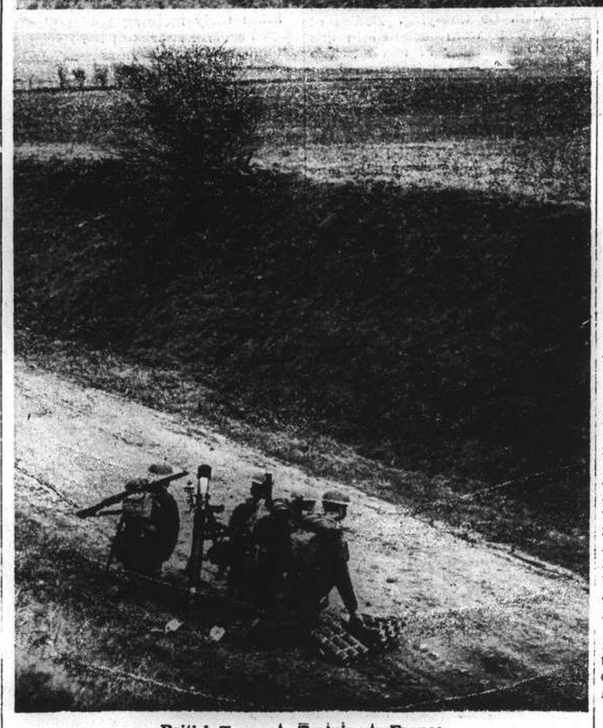
London, Dec. 21.

The Canadian troops arriving in England have been recruited entirely by voluntary enlistment, says a special commentary here today.

French-speaking Canadians have rallied as eagerly as the English-speaking part of the population, emphasizing the overwhelming verdict of the general election at Quebec.

The Canadian contingent, the commentary asserts, constitutes a citizen force from every province, from all classes and sections, coming to fight in defence of the liberties and values at stake in the present struggle.

The Canadian troops arrived the same day as an agreement was signed between the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand for the establishment of an Empire air-training organization in Canada. This scheme will produce tens of thousands of trained airmen annually.—Reuter.



British Troops in Training in France

Trench mortar training in France is illustrated in these pictures showing British troops, above, waiting to go into action, and, below, a trench mortar crew having just fired, with the explosion in the distance.

Yangtze Opening Will Not Occur Until Two Months

Japanese Naval Spokesman Says Considerable Preparation Necessary Before River is Free

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

THE Yangtze and the Pearl Rivers probably would be opened to third Power navigation in two months' time, the naval spokesman told foreign correspondents today.

Considerable preparation is necessary before the rivers could be thrown open to third Power shipping, the spokesman said.

He pointed out that the Japanese authorities would have to alter the Nanking wharves from military to commercial usages. This was but one of the numerous tasks which the Japanese authorities would have to carry out before foreign shipping would be allowed to use the river.

He cited the necessity of removing mines and other obstructions as another reason for failing to open the Yangtze River immediately.

Japanese authorities, he said, did not anticipate the return of Chinese guerillas to Yangtze territory. Because of this factor, he added, he did not expect that the necessity would arise for closing the river to third Power navigation again.

Answering a question as to whether there was any connection with the reopening of the Yangtze and Pearl Rivers with the forthcoming expiration of the American-Japanese 1911 commercial treaty, the spokesman replied that the "Navy has been making efforts to reopen them as soon as possible. Political considerations have not affected the decision."

He added, "however, naturally diplomats might expect some advantages from the reopening."—United Press.

London Favourably Impressed

London, Dec. 21.

The Japanese promise to open the Yangtze River to third party shipping is regarded favourably in well-informed circles here, as giving evidence of a more constructive policy on the part of the Tokyo Government.

Says "The Times'" diplomatic correspondent: "Its object is clearly to pave a way for better relations with the United States, in the hope that the State Department will renew the commercial treaty with Japan.

"Its secondary object may well be an improvement of Anglo-Japanese relations.

"In any case," the correspondent adds, "the Japanese Government are considered to have shown not little courage in initiating a policy which cannot commend itself to the 'advanced' elements in the army."

"The news that the Japanese are to re-open the Yangtze up to Nanking to merchant traffic of all nations, has naturally been welcomed," says "The Times" in an article today.

For Shanghai's Trade

"It is the first direct step towards a restoration of Shanghai's entrepot trade," the journal declares, "but the actual effect of the move is in reality not likely to be very great."

"By devious ways, goods have been finding their way from up-country districts to Shanghai, and these arrivals have been suplemented by cargoes brought down the Yangtbe by Japanese shipping; the activities of that port have been slowly reviving.

"Nanking," "The Times" adds, "is little more than 100 miles up the Yangtze, and the section below Nanking is but a small part of the long course of the river into the Chinese hinterland.

"To exert any important influence on the volume of river traffic reaching Shanghai it would be necessary to open the river up to Hankow.

"Nevertheless," the journal concludes, "this latest development is a hopeful sign, and as such, has found a reflection in a firmer tendency in exchange rate of the Chinese dollar."—Reuter.

Paris Waiting

Paris, Dec. 21.

While noting with satisfaction the Japanese Government's declared intention partially to re-open the Yangtze River, well-informed circles in Paris do not under-estimate the difficulties surrounding the question.

It is felt here that the matter is one which primarily concerns Great Britain, because of her river trafic, although France, other European countries and America are also concerned.

It seems inevitable, observers think, that such questions must arise as the presence of Japanese troops along the banks of the Yangtze, river barrages, Japanese demands for a strict watch on munitions to stop the supply of arms and war material to General Chiang Kai-shek's army, and the Japanese control of customs.

Whether the creation of a convoy system for the purpose of stopping arms traffic would meet the Japanese case is a problem which must require close attention, it is pointed out.—Reuter.

Mr. Hull Refuses Comment

Washington, Dec. 20.

Asked for his opinion of Japan's intention to re-open the Lower Yangtze to foreign shipping, the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, at today's press conference refused to comment in any way on Tokyo's decision.

Meanwhile, the State Department is still examining the Japanese proposed action, and no decision has yet been taken regarding it.

The imposition of further restrictions on exports of aviation oil to Japan, added to the virtual embargo already placed on shipments of planes, spare parts, aluminium and molybdenum to that country, seems to indicate, however, that the United States Government is not yet ready to modify its attitude towards Japan, political circles here stated this evening.

Opinion in Washington is divided as to the advisability of accepting Japan's offer to reopen the Lower Yangtze to foreign shipping. Some believe that it is a sign of Tokyo's good-will which should be encouraged, while others are of the opinion that Japan's offer should be firm and not subjected to any conditions before it can be accepted by Washington as a basis for negotiations on other questions.

Diplomatic quarters point out that the Yangtze question is but one among many others which must be settled satisfactorily before there can be discussions for any new commercial treaty between the two countries, or an extension of the present one which has been abrogated by Washington.—Havas.

Japanese Hopes for Talks with U.S.

Revision of Relations Expected to Be Begun In Washington Soon

Washington, Dec. 21.

Some general discussion of Japanese-American relations is expected here in the near future, Japanese quarters reported last night.

The talks are expected to resemble those now taking place in Tokyo between Foreign Minister, Admiral K. Nomura, and the American Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Grew.

The Japanese Ambassador to Washington, Mr. Kensuke Horinouchi, probably will visit the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, in the near future, Japanese quarters said.

The subject of their conversation cannot be disclosed, it was said, but observers inferred that the talk would concern Japanese-American relations in China and the Japanese-American trade pact which expires in January. Those are the most urgent matters now pending in Japanese-American relations, it was pointed out.

Mr. Horinouchi has not seen Mr. Hull for a long talk recently, although early in the autumn they discussed general relations at great length.—United Press.

Issue Explained

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Minister of Foreign Affairs, explained the commercial treaty issue and diplomatic affairs in general between Japan and America at a luncheon given in honour of leading financiers at noon today at his official residence. He asked their co-operation.

Present were Baron Seinosuke Goh, Cabinet Counsellor; Mr. Takashi Isaka, President of the Tokyo Gas Company; Mr. Jyukuro Kadono, Vice-President of the Okuragumi; Mr. Masatsune Ogura, member of the House of Peers, and Mr. Yoshiaki Hatta, member of the House of Peers.—Domei.

Change in Views Hoped

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Foreign Minister, anticipated a change in anti-Japanese opinion in Washington in favour of opening negotiations with Japan on the trade treaty question, the "Yomiuri" said today.

The paper declared that if American sentiment improved, trade pact negotiations might begin before the end of the year.

"Should the United States fail to be satisfied with Japanese terms," the daily stated, "and make further demands for immediate modification of exchange control in China, such demands probably would stimulate strong views in Japan and cause Japanese-American relations to take a turn more adverse than before."—Domei.

One Man's Opinion

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

Business men in the United States did not approve of the Government's abrogation of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation with Japan and there was a strong desire among them for a new pact.

This opinion was expressed here yesterday by Dr. N. D. Brayton, a member of the Arizona Legislature and President of a county medical society in his home state.

He arrived here with his wife yesterday in the ss. President Pierce on a trip around the world. Dr. Brayton plans to remain in Tokyo about two weeks, after which he may visit China.—Domei.

Hitler Leaves for Christmas Holiday

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.

Herr Hitler, it is learned here, has left Berlin for Obersalzburg. The Fuehrer, according to reports, will spend a short Christmas holiday there.—Reuter.

Russian Troops Flung Back On Third Successive Day

Attack on Mannerheim Line Gains Nothing But Heavy Losses; Spectacular Air Battle

By Webb Miller

With the Finnish Army on the Mannerheim Line, Dec. 21

FOR the third successive day the great Red army hammered at the middle of the important Finnish defence system on the Karelian front. Everywhere the Russians were flung back with heavy losses as the Finns tenaciously retained their positions and destroyed and captured more than 100 Soviet tanks. The air throbbed constantly today with the thunder of plane motors in many aerial battles. At the vital front between Lake Muola and Lake Kauk, the most bitter phase of this critical battle has proceeded for the past three days.

This afternoon I witnessed the most spectacular air fight I have seen in any war. For half an hour, just above our heads, six Finnish planes engaged 11 Soviet machines, most of which were bombers. The planes flashed and glittered in the bright sun as they rolled and dived. It was impossible to determine the casualties, but the Soviet planes disappeared in the direction of Russia. The battle convinced me that the Finns have extremely fast pursuit planes and skilful pilots.

During the day as I inspected the lines I saw groups of tired men clad in their white parkas, walking down the road going back for a rest after three days of stubborn fighting.

I walked down a single file path through the woods in this sector and detected a fire. I discovered it was a 33-ton Russian tank, its interior a blazing inferno. The air was filled with the sickening stench of burning flesh, for nine members of the tank's crew had been carbonized inside the fighting machine.

Yesterday the Russian forces concentrated their heaviest bombardments on the Mannerheim Line since the beginning of the Russo-Finnish war. Despite terrific losses the Soviets were unable to shatter the Finnish defence system.

Even now new Finnish lines are being erected behind the original defences. I saw 100 men working at the new defences tonight long after dark.—United Press.

Russians Bomb Helsinki

Stockholm, Dec, 21.

Sixteen Russian planes raided Helsinki today at 12.05 p.m. Finnish time and dropped six bombs, telephone reports from the Finnish capital disclosed. The air raid alarms sounded until after 1 p.m., the reports said.—United Press.

Ecuador Promises Aid

Quito, Eduador, Dec. 21.

The Foreign Minister has telegraphed the League of Nations expressing Ecuador's willingness to lend all possible humanitarian aid" to Finland.—Reuter.

Russians Stage Heavy Attack

Helsinki, Dec. 21.

Russian troops, supported by hundreds of tanks and under the cover of massed air squadrons comprising an estimated 250 bombers, made the heaviest attack of the Russo-Finnish war yesterday on the Karelian front.

For forty-eight hours the Red troops battered at the Finnish lines. The attacks centred on a fifteen mile stretch between Lakes Muolo and Kauk where the Finns have a triple line of fortifications.

It was reliably learned that two Soviet regiments were wiped out in the Savykoski region where the Finns were aided by a raging snowstorm and bitter cold.

The Finns claimed they had captured ten Soviet tanks and downed 20 planes during fighting Tuesday on the Karelian Isthmus. In the Tuesday attack the Russians were said to have used 30-ton tanks.

Meanwhile, thousands of fresh Soviet troops and large numbers of new tanks were reported to have arrived on the central Finland front presaging a major Soviet offensive in that sector.

Finland yesterday called to the colours Finns born in 1899, as the Russians began their third week of incessant pounding on the Mannerheim Line.—United Press.

Cold Slows Fighting

Oslo, Dec. 21.

The northern front of the Russo-Finnish war has been all but buried under a raging snow-storm, and all fighting is virtually at a standstill in the below zero cold, dispatches from that region stated.

The Russian advance has been stopped at Nautsi, but Soviet tanks have been sighted circulating in the Petsamo corridor.

According to an unconfirmed report, six Soviet planes have been brought down by the Finnish Air Force, while numerous small detachments of Finnish troops have been operating in Russian-occupied territory.

The betrayal of the Soviet by the Russian pilots who turned over their planes to the Finns was brought home to the Kremlin when those same planes, believed to have been flown by Finnish and Italian aviators, bombed the Leningrad-Murmansk railway, the special correspondent of the Norwegian newspaper "Aftonposten" reported.

The planes were voluntarily brought down by the Russian air-men

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London Analyzes Finnish Problem

Practical Reasons for Helping to Stem Soviet Invasion Emphasized

London, Dec. 20.

Political and diplomatic circles in London turned their attention this evening to events in Finland, where Soviet Russian forces have increased their pressure and are now threatening vital lines of communication in the northern and north-eastern regions.

These quarters express the opinion that apart from sentimental reasons, the Allies have serious practical reasons to extend aid to Finland, for her continued resistance can, to a certain extent, paralyse Soviet action in other fields, as well as decrease the extent of Soviet aid to Germany.

For these reasons, is it believed, the Allied Supreme War Council decided to help Finland despite the needs of the French and British forces.

In this connection, it is pointed out that the Allies have already sent Finland nearly as many planes as the United States, and intend also to send field-artillery, anti-aircraft guns, and other war material.

It is reported that the Allies have succeeded in getting Sweden to deliver a certain number of pursuit planes and bombers which would reach Finland in a shorter time than if they were sent from Britain and France.

Not Much Help

Political quarters here are disappointed at the amount of assistance extended to Finland by the neutral countries who are members of the League of Nations, and by the United States. It is hoped, however, that the latter will not limit her aid to the 42 planes already sent.

These circles point out that the assistance extended to Finland by Great Britain and France is remarkable in view of the fact that these countries must also provide help to Turkey, in view of an eventual Soviet attack in the Balkans.

As for Germany's intentions towards Finland, they are determined by the intentions of the German General Staff: if it intends to launch an offensive in the west the German army will not be able to provide assistance to Finland because it will need all the material at its disposal for its own use.

Furthermore, it is said, the Reich cannot risk antagonizing Soviet Russia.

In connection with a possible German offensive, large-scale troop movements on the German side of the western frontier are reported. However, it is difficult to ascertain wheher they are caused by fresh troops arriving or merely by transfers of troops already there. Motorized units are being placed continuously in battle position, but it is impossible to determine whether Germany is trying a bluff or is really preparing a large-scale attack.—Havas.

More Swedes to Fight

Stockholm, Dec. 21.

Several corps of Swedish volunteers will be ready in a few days to take arms for Finland under the former Swedish Army General Ernst Linder, the Committee for Finnish Aid reported last night.

Earlier reports said 5,000 volunteers are at present prepared to leave for Finland. The total number of Swedish volunteers already serving Finland was said to be approximately double this figure.—United Press.

Aid Urged in France

Paris, Dec. 21.

Practical aid to Finland and a rupture of French relations with Russia with the possibility of improvement of Franco-Italian relations, was advocated by some members of the Foreign Affairs Committee at a meeting yesterday, it was reported.

The Committee discussed international questions in general with particular reference to the situation arising from the Soviet invasion of Finland.

Meanwhile, the Parliamentary group of the Republican Federation met under the chairmanship of M. Louis Marin and voted unanimously to urge rupture of French diplomatic relations with Russia.—United Press.

London Newspapers to Take Holiday

To Be Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 21.

In spite of the war, overworked newspapers in London are to take a holiday over Christmas. They will remain closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. For forty-eight hours the British public will have to be content with B.B.C. and foreign broadcasts for its information on the European hostilities.—Reuter.

Germany, Rumania Reach Economic Agreement

Bucharest, Dec. 21.

Germany and Rumania have reached an economic agreement calling for the shipment of approximately seven per cent. of Rumania's oil exports, it was announced today. The agreement, which will be signed tomorrow, grants the third Reich a Rumanian revolving credit of about US$10,000,000 at an increased rate of exchange of 49 ½ lei to the German mark.—United Press.

British Troopship Has Narrow Escape From Disaster in Dense Fog

Collision Escaped by Few Feet; Lifeboats Carried Away; Germans Sinks Non-Existent Vessel

London, Dec. 21.

A British troopship's escape from a disastrous collision by a few feet is disclosed here.

The second ship, also British, the Samaria, was outward bound and has now returned to a British port for repairs.

In a dense fog the ships passed so close to each other that the lifeboats swung out on the davits of the Samaria were stove in and some actually carried away.

The troopship arrived with slight damage to her superstructure. Because of the denseness of the fog the smaller ship, the Samaria, had her lifeboats swung out in readiness for any emergency.

After the mishap the fog immediately swallowed up both ships, and it was only when the outward bound Samaria returned to port that her identity was established.—Reuter.

London, Dec. 21.

An Admiralty communique replies to the German High Command statement issued yesterday regarding the sinking of "British light naval forces' including the Pearl, New Choice, Serenity, Ilkway, Evelyn, Sedgefly and Trinity.

According to the Admiralty communique the Pearl, New Choice and Trinity were fishing trawlers, the Serenity was an unarmed coastal steamer, the Ilkway did not exist and the Evelyn and Sedgefly were Admiralty trawlers overdue some time ago and presumed lost.

"In the last three days the communique adds, "35 vessels, two of which were neutrals, have been attacked by German aircraft. Only three were naval units and attacks on these were unsuccessful. One coasting steamer and six fishing trawlers were sunk."—Reuter.

Leaving Prayers of Cathedral Girls

Sir Herbert Phillips and Mr. P. W. Massey Speak At School Function

Speeches by Sir Herbert Phillips, H.M. Consul-General, and Mr. P. W. Massey, chairman of the Committee, marked the Leaving Prayers and Mark Reading session of the Cathedral Girls School yesterday morning. Miss W. M. Penfold, the acting Head Mistress, took the Prayers. Committee members present included Sir Robert Calder-Marshall and Dean Trivett, and besides a large number of parents were present.

After the Mark Reading and presentation of prizes Mr. Massey spoke as follows:

Test of Patriotism

"Children of the Cathedral Girls School, a year ago when I addressed you on a similar occasion I took as my particular theme 'patriotism.' Little did I think then that well within a twelvemonth our country would be plunged into war and that one and all of us would be tested as to what patriotism meant to each one of us individually. As to your share I am glad to hear that you are all contributing each month from your own pocket money to the War Fund. The sum may not be large but it is useful and it represents a personal contribution from each one of you toward the welfare and comfort of our fighting forces.

"I was present at one of your Morning Assemblies last month and was pleased to hear you sing that inspiring poem by Kipling called 'The Children's Song. I would like you all to give the attention it deserves to every word of that poem. It is so very appropriate to the times we live in. What more inspiring sentiments could you have than is contained in the first and last verses?

Land of our Birth, we pledge to thee
Our love and toil in the years to be;
When we are grown and take our place,
As men and women with our race.
Land of our Birth, our faith our pride,
For whose dear sake our fathers died;
Oh motherland, we pledge to thee,
Head, heart and hand through the years to be!

That last is a fine resolution and one we must all, young and old alike, try to live up to. I wish you all the happiest of Christmas holidays.

"I now have much pleasure in informing you that Sir Herbert Phillips, our Consul General, who has kindly spared an hour or two out of his busy day to attend this function, will say a few words to you."

Sir Herbert's Address

Sir Herbert addressing the children, said how pleased he had been to receive the invitation of the Chairman of the Committee to come to the School for the Leaving Prayers. He said how impressed he was by the smartness of the children and by the beautiful buildings and large grounds. He had always been interested in the British Schools in Shanghai, and thought how fully the Committees deserved the support of the British community, especially during present times.

Sir Herbert remarker that he also had a sentimental interest in the School since he had had, not one, but two daughters attending between 1926 and 1929.

He asked all the pupils to bear in mind how much they themselves could do here in Shanghai towards helping their country—how in their homes they could be unselfish and thoughtful—also how they had unusual opportunities living in an international city, for being friendly with, and especially courteous to members of other nations.

Concluding his speech, Sir Herbert wished everybody a very happy Christmas and all success.

Concluding, the pupils entertained the parents and guests with singing games, recitations and a short Nativity Play, by the children of the Kindergarten and Transition class, after which a group photograph was taken in the garden.

The following awards were made for the term: Sir Peter Grain Work Cup, Form V B; Bishop Curtis Award, Form ID; David Brand Scholarship, Nina Danenberg; Safety First Poster Competition, first prize in the senior section for foreign children, Joan Baker.

German Planes Active Over North Sea

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are more than a match for German fighters, says a special commentary today.

Sunday's fight over Heligoland Bight is given as an example, when 12 Messerschmidt fighters were lost and only seven British bombers.

Normally, however, the commentary declares, bombers unassisted by fighting planes are at a great disadvantage against wave after wave of the more rapid fighters.—Reuter.

R.A.F. Home for Christmas

London, Dec. 21.

About 600 men of the Royal Air Force, the first to come home on Christmas leave from France, arrived in London by special train last night.

They were all smiling and happy and many wore sprigs of mistletoe.

Rings made of metal from German machines shot down in France were among the souvenirs they brought home.—Reuter.

West Front Planes Active

Paris, Dec. 21.

Recent bitter, wintry weather on the Western Front has been succeeded by a thaw, and cold sleet and rain are falling.

These conditions have hampered air operations on the front itself, but have favoured long-distance flights. While British planes have visited German seaplane bases in North Germany, German reconnaissance machines have flown over north and north-west France.

Local activity continued. Minor operations and four unsuccessful German patrol raids on a wide front between the Moselle and the Vosges were reported in authoritative military circles today.—Reuter.

Survivors Picked Up

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.

The Latvian steamer Auseklis rescued seventeen of the crew of the Swedish freighter Adolf Bratt which struck a mine and sank last Wednesday night in the vicinity of Terschelling. Four of the crew drowned, four were landed in Rotterdam, one died on the ship, and the remainder landed here.—Havas.

THE CINEMA

"Rulers of the Sea"

David Gillespie ..Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.
Mary Shaw .....Margaret Lockwood
John Shaw .....Will Fyffe
Captain Olivet .....George Bancroft
Malcolm Grant .....Montagu Love
Donald Fenton .....David Torrence
Junius Smith .....Vaughan Glaser
Lt. Com. Roberts .....Lester Matthews
Colin Farrell .....Alan Lacd
2nd Mate Evans .....David Clyde
Helmsman .....Mike Driscoll
Mrs. Ogilvie .....Mary Gordon
First Secretary .....Lionel Pape

Shanghai is a city which possesses a large British community. Unfortunately, living in this community, there are many who know next to nothing about their homeland. In the majority of cases, however, the fault does not lie with them for there are many who have had no opportunity to get any great distance away from this city. That is where the need for British films about British life comes in. Ask any local British boy or girl about England and you'll get to know precious little. Ask them about America though, and you'll get better answers. To the shame of some of our British picture concerns, on whom the fault lies, the Americans have turned out better pictures about England than they themselves. One of these was shown yesterday at the Nanking Theatre. It was called "Rulers of the Sea" and starring in it were Mr. Douglas Fairbanks jun., Miss Margaret Lockwood and Mr. Will Fyffe. In England Mr. Fyffe came first, as it should be, for he was head and shoulders above anyone else in the film. In Shanghai, however, with a large British community, Mr. Fyffe was third, because very few people had ever heard of him—except, of course, those homesiders, especially Scotsmen, who knew of his popularity on the stage, the screen and before the microphones. As stated before, he stood out a mile in the film as John Shaw, who after a dramatic struggle to build a steam engine to take a ship across the Atlantic, accomplished his task but met with a tragic end. Mr. Fairbanks was quite good as David Gillespie, his faithful helpmate and Miss Lockwood, as Mary Shaw, John's daughter, filled her role with a charm that augurs well for her future. There were many tense exciting and dramatic scenes in this picture of the sea and it was enjoyable throughout. It is a pity that the cinema public in Shanghai is not allowed to see more of home-side favourites such as Mr. Fyffe, Mr. Will Hay, Mr. Jack Hulbert, Mr. Sydney Howard and the rest of them.—R.S.

"It's A Wonderful World"

Edwina Corday .....Claudette Colbert
Guy Johnson .....James Stewart
"Cap" Streeter .....Guy Kibbee
Sergeant Koretz .....Nat Pendleton
Vivian Tabel .....Frances Drake
Lieutenant Miller .....Edgar Kennedy
Willie Heyward .....Ernest Truex
Major Willoughby .....Richard Carle
Dolores Gonzales .....Cecilia Callejo
Al Mallon .....Sidney Blackmer
"Gimpy" .....Andy Clyde
Captain Haggerty .....Cliff Clark
Madame Chambers ..Cecil Cunningham
Herman Plotka .....Leonard Kibrick
Stage Manager .....Hans Conried
Lupton Peabody .....Grady Sutton

When a good script is handled by an excellent cast, the result can only be an excellent picture and this is the case with "It's A Wonderful Life" which opened at the Roxy Theatre yesterday and promises fair to become one of the major attractions during the approaching holidays. Miss Claudette Colbert and Mr. James Stewart (playing the part of a private detective), easily carry the show and are most ably supported by Mr. Guy Kibbee, Mr. Nat Pendleton and the inimitable Mr. Edgar Kennedy, though, for some unknown reason, he failed to oblige with his usual antics for which he is so well known. In view of the fact that the plot of the story centres around a mystery, the reviewer does not feel entitled to go into details, but there is one additional outstanding feature in that for once, comedy, and good comedy, has been successfully combined with a fairly good mystery, the result being not only thrills but laughter as well, and lots of both. Technically the film is good and if in future the producers of this picture should be as fortunate in the choice of their casts....well, they are bound to find appreciative fans in Shanghai.

Notwithstanding the length of the main feature, there is a colour cartoon which must have seen better days, although some new ideas are incorporated; there is Mr. Robert Bentley in "An Evening Alone"' which had the audience roaring, and last but not least, there was a very short but excellent reel of the Judge Hardy family, wishing Shanghailanders in general and the audience in particular, a Merry Christmas and prosperity for the New Year. All in all, excellent entertainment that should appeal to the average cinema-fan—A.S.I.

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German Airmen Drop Umbrella

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Berlin, Dec. 21.

According to the official German News Agency, German airmen dropped an umbrella over the British lines during Mr. Chamberlain's recent visit to the front. Attached to the umbrella was a message to the Prime Minister, referring to the "bad weather."—Reuter.

"Young Mr. Lincoln"

Abraham Lincoln .....Henry Fonda
Abiggail Clay .....Alice Brady
Mary Todd .....Marjorie Weaver
Hannah Clay .....Arleen Whelan
Efe .....Eddie Collins
Ann Rutledge .....Pauline Moore
Matt Clay .....Richard Cromwell
John Felder .....Donald Meek
Carrie Sue .....Dorris Bowdon
Adam Clay .....Eddie Quillan
Judge Herbert A. Bell Spencer Charters
Palmer Cass .....Ward Bond
Stephen A. Douglas .....Milburn Stone
Sheriff Billings .....Cliff Clark
Juror .....Robert Lowery

The Cathay Theatre is showing truly a wonderful picture in Mr. Henry Fonda's "Young Mr. Lincoln." It rings true with sincerity throughout and one does not have to be a student of the Great Emanicaptor to realize just what a great man the must have been, if one believes Mr. Fonda's interpretation. He gives a delicate touch to Mr. Lincoln's humour and wit, homespun as it was in the fourth decade of the last century. The sonorous of his voice and the gawky manner with which he handled his legs and arms, it would appear, could not have been bettered by any actor of today. The reviewer doubts whether Mr. Raymond Massey, British stage and screen star, who was drafted from the New York stage where he had been playing Lincoln for another Lincoln (mature) production in Hollywood, will be able to improve on Mr. Fonda's delineation. And Mr. Massey will have the added advantage of wearing a Lincolnesque beard to heighten the effect. Each of the ten principal characters in the Cathay showing is naturalness in itself, but all are overshadowed by the splendid work of Miss Alice Brady, mother of accused brothers in the murder trial, played responsibly by Messrs. Eddie Quillan and Richard Cromwell. The picture, of course, cannot present the end of the President's career at the hands of an assassin, but to the strains of civil war and southern melodies, it brings the fade-out with Lincoln walking over a storm-sthewn hill, going to his destiny.

A beautifully coloured fashion show precedes the feature.—C.S.H.

"Susannah of the Mounties"

Susannah Sheldon .....Shirley Temple
Monty .....Randolph Scott
Vicky Standing ....Margaret Lockwood
Little Chief .....Martin Good Rider
Pat O'Hannegan ..J. Farrell MacDonald
Chief Big Eagle ....Maurice Moscovich
Supt. Andrew Sanding ....Moroni Olsen
Wolf Pelt .....Victor Jory
Harlan Chambers ....Lester Matthews
Randall .....Leyland Hodgson
Doctor .....Herbert Evans
Williams .....Jack Luden
Sergeant MacGregor ....Charles Irwin
Chief .....Chief Big Tree

The beat of savage tom-toms are whipping up the dancing braves to a frenzy, already the brave Inspector Montague of the Royal North-West Mounted Police has been tied to the stake, and the medicine man is just preparing to put the torch to the pile of brushwood which has been piled up around the helpless mountie—but stay, who is that who comes crashing through the dancing Indians to save the day? Tom Mix? Buffalo Bill? No, its none other than our daring little Shirley Temple. All this takes place in "Susannah of the Mounties," now playing at the Grand, with Shirley in the title role, supported by Mr. Randolph Scott, Miss Margaret Lockwood, Martin Good Rider, and Mr. J. Farrell MacDonald. The little starlet is her usual attractive, dimpled self in this, her latest film, and she receives ample support from the rest of the cast, among whom Mr. J. Farrell MacDonald is oustanding in his role of the Irish mountie, Pat O'Hannegan.

The feature attraction is preceded by two cartoon comedies and a travel reel.—T.A.B.

Winter Offensive Checked

Japanese Claim Chinese Attempts to Drive Out Invaders Repulsed

Hankow, Dec. 21.

Chinese troops attempting to launch a "winter offensive" in Central China were hurled back on all fronts before they had a chance to organize for concerted action, according to Japanese army authorities here.

They claimed that Japanese detachments had dealt crushing blows to Central Army forces, troops under Gen. Sung Cheh-yuan, and units of the former Manchurian Army which had been attempting to take up positions for a united drive.

In the Changtaikwan area on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, 30 kilometres north of Sinyang in southern Honan, and near Yuho, west of Changtaikwan, the Japanese were claimed to have routed the 6th Division of Gen. Sung's former army and two divisions under Gen. Sun Lien-chung. Survivors of these engagements were being pursued by the Japanese. Japanese vanguard units were rapidly nearing Mingkiang, important base north of Sinyang.

South of Nanchang the Japanese were closely pursuing defeated forces under Gen. Lo Cho-ying. Bodies of 110 Chinese were counted in this sector on December 17 and 18. The Japanese continued attacks on both banks of the Fu River.—Domei.

Canton Street Fighting Denied

Canton, Dec. 21.

"Pure fabrication by the Chinese press in Shanghai" was the comment made to Reuter today by an important local Japanese official regarding the Shanghai report that there had been severe street fighting in Canton.

A British resident of the city also ridiculed the story.

It is believed, however, that fighting recently took place at Fatshan, 12 miles south-west of Canton, also at Tungkun, 40 miles to the east.

Guerillas who are said to have carried out attacks at these places are believed to have now withdrawn.—Reuter.

United States Extends Moral Embargo

Text of State Dept. Announcement

Washington, Dec. 21.

The State Department yesterday extended the "moral embargo" on the sale of planes to nations bombing civilians to cover aeroplane plants, manufacturing rights, or technical information needed to produce high quality aviation fuel.

American oil companies have all informed the Government that they will not provide facilities for the manufacture of aviation fuel, the State Department announced. No embargo was imposed on the sale of aviation gasoline itself, however.

The text of the State Department's announcement follows:

"The State Department, after consultation with the War and Navy Departments, has decided the national interest suggests that, for the time being, there should be no further delivery to certain countries of plans, plants, manufacturing rights, or technical information required in the production of high quality aviation gasoline.

"This decision is reached with the view to conserving this country's technical information of strategic importance and as an extention of the announced policy of this Government in regard to the sale of aeroplanes, aeronautical equipment and materials essential to aeroplane manufacture to countries with armed forces which are engaged in unprovoked bombing and machine-gunning of civilian populations from the air.—United Press.

Russian Troops Flung Back on Third Successive Day

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in the region of Salnijaervi, after the Finns had dropped "bomphlets" over Soviet territory offering a cash reward for all planes thus delivered.

Norwegian frontier patrols reports that there has been no violation whatever by the Soviet troops of the Norwegian northern frontier, and confirm that the most advanced Russian lines are at Nautsi.—Havas.

Finnish Reports

Helsinki, Dec. 20.

On the Eastern front Finnish troops advanced towards Salla and succeeded in capturing three tanks, one artillery gun, several machine-guns, thirty lorries and a considerable amount of ammunition.

On the Northern front, Finnish troops were still in possession of Kornettijaervi this evening.

Soviet naval and air units launched severe attacks against Koivisto, on the Northern coast. Coastal batteries managed to repel the attackers.

As for air operations December 19 was the most active day since the beginning of the war, the communique said.

Since early morning Soviet planes staged several attacks in the Karelian Isthmus and the region north of Lake Ladoga but despite these heavy attacks, Finnish losses were insignificant.

Besides raids on positions at the front, several attacks were staged in the interior. Soviet planes bombed Turku, Sartavala, the neighbourhood of Helsinki, and also the Hangoe Islands and peninsula, killing and injuring a great number of civilians and setting fire to many buildings.

It is estimated that no less than 200 Soviet planes flew over Finnish territory during the day.

Finland's air force was engaged in severe combat with the enemy squadrons, especially over the Karelian Isthmus.

It has been ascertained definitely that 14 Soviet planes were destroyed in the fights, these being mostly bombers.

Finns Active in Air

Finnish aircraft also effected reconnaissance flights behind the Soviet lines and bombed military objectives.

Anti-aircraft batteries in Finland played their part as well, bringing down six Soviet machines.

As for today's operations in the air, no less than 20 Soviet planes were destroyed. This number does not include several machines which are known to have fallen behind the Russian lines.

One Soviet bomber, brought down several days ago, was discovered only yesterday, while it is reported that another Soviet machine was put out of action two days ago and fell into the sea near the Karelian Isthmus.—Havas.

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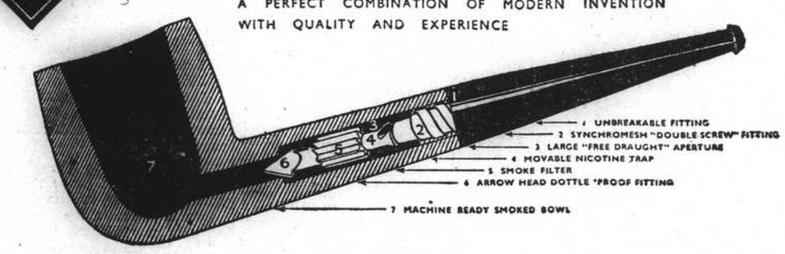

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MR. Percy Whiteing, "North-China Daily News" special correspondent in Tokyo, is making a brief visit to Shanghai, having arrived on the Taiyo Maru yesterday.

SUB-Inspector R. I. Fernandez, of the Shanghai Municipal Police, has been notified from London that he has been elected an Associate Member of the Royal Photographic Society and a Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society.

WITH Christmas approaching, the Ladies' Committee of St. Tichon's Orphanage is hoping that the Shanghai public will remember the children being looked after at the Orphanage at 770 Rue Bourgeat. Visitors are welcomed daily between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A WOMAN's carelessness in killing bugs with a lighted taper is said to be the cause of a fire at Hongkong recently which completely destroyed a shanty settlement of about 50 huts. Eight appliances responded to the alarm, which was received by the Kowloon Fire Brigade. On their arrival, firemen found that the flames had taken grip of an area of about 150 feet by 100 feet, where ramshackle hutments of all descriptions were burning fiercely.

DAME Rachel Crowdy, principal Commander of the V.A.D. in France and Belgium in the last war, has become engaged to Lieut.-Colonel Cuthbert J. Thornhill. Dame Rachel was formerly Chief of the Social Questions and Opium Traffic Section of the League of Nations, and last year was a member of the Royal Commission appointed to investigate social and economic conditions in the West Indies. Lieut.-Colonel Thornhill won the D.S.O. with bar in the North Russia Expeditionary Force.

A SPECIAL service of Christmas music will be held at Union Church on Sunday morning at 10.45 o'clock. The full order of service, which will be conducted by the Rev. C. W. Allan, will be:—

Hymn, "O come, all ye faithful"
Opening sentences and prayers
Scripture reading, Matthew ii.
Hymn, "The First Nowell"
Recit., "Comfort ye My People"
Air, "Every valley shall be exalted"
Mr. DAVID MCGAVIN
Carols:
(a) "Shepherds, shake off your drowsy sleep"
(b) "Good Christian, men, rejoice"
Scripture reading, Isaiah lii. 7-12
Recit., "Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened"
Air, "He shall feed His flock like a shepherd"
MRS. H. WALTON
Air, "Come unto Him all ye that labour"
Mrs. O. G. R. BEYNON
Scripture reading, Luke ii.
Hymn, "It came upon the midnight clear"
Recit., "Behold, a virgin shall conceive"
Air and Chorus, "O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion"
Miss W. ALLAN and CHOIR
Carols:
((a) "What Child is this?"
(b) "In the bleak mid-winter"
Hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels sing"
Benediction

THE members of the Clarendon Club are holding their Christmas party this afternoon at 5.15 p.m. at the Club headquarters, 55 Yuen Ming Yuen Road. The guest of honour will be Lady Clark Kerr.

SOME delightful Christmas cards have been received by this office from Kelly & Walsh, Ltd. Among them art the Wheel of Life set; an unusually attractive Chinese motif in green and gold is printed on the cover, and the insets are prints of charcoal sketches of rural China by Gerassimoff, well-known Russian artist.

THE British authorities are considering the question of reducing the price of marriage licences for men in the services so that they may marry when on short leave. In the ordinary way a licence for such a marriage would cost approximately 2½ guineas, compared with about 7s. 6d. for a church wedding. The lower rate applies only when due notice of marriage is given.

IT has been announced from Buckingham Palace that the King will broadcast a message to the Empire on Christmas Day. The King did not broadcast a message last Christmas, but he did in 1937. In that message he indicated that he would not carry on, unvaried, what had become a tradition so personal to his father. The B.B.C. will provide a programme on the same scale as those of peace-time Christmas afternoons. It will begin at 2.15 and the King will speak at 3 p.m. There will be a microphone tour of England, Wales, Northern Ireland, and Scotland; items from the three fighting services and speakers direct from the Dominions and from Malaya representing the Colonial Empire. The theme is to be the way in which Christmas celebrations are coloured by wartime conditions. The whole programme will be recorded and rebroadcast at appropriate hours to all parts of the world.

A PROVISIONAL list of persons qualified to vote at the Election of Members of Council and the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers is published as a special issue of the "Municipal Gazette" today. This list has been revised and corrected to date. In order that the final voting list may be as complete and accurate as possible, ratepayers whose names are omitted from the list are requested to communicate as early as possible with the Deputy Treasurer—Revenue, Revenue Office, Administration Building, 209 Kiangse Road (Telephone 12810 Extension 27). Ratepayers are warned that the names of any persons or firms who are in default in the payment of rates and taxes for the year 1939 will be excluded from the final voting list to be published in March 1940. Those concerned are accordingly advised to make prompt payment of the dues in question.

Council Employee Charged With Embezzlement

Demands Adjournment to Seek Legal Advice; More Than $1,900 Said Misappropriated

WILLIAM Chambers Yates, Assistant Inspector of the Revenue Department, Shanghai Municipal Council, had nothing to say in H.M. Police Court yesterday morning when Mr. C. H. Haines, H. M. Registrar, preferred five charges of fraudulent embezzlement of monies received by him on behalf of his employers, in the period between October 12 and December 12, 1939. He requested that the hearing be adjourned so that he could seek legal advice and the next hearing thereupon was set for December 28.

Mr. G. H. Wright, who prosecuted, told the court that besides the case on which the present charge was based, there were a further 149 cases in which the accused was alleged to have collected the money and given receipts to the parties concerned, without, however, accounting for the money thus collected.

Tsu wang-sze, an amah employed at House 6, Lane 273 Kiaochow Road, was the first witness to give evidence. She said that a little over a week ago, her mistress gave her $40 to pay for municipal rates which were being colleced by a foreigner to whom she paid $37.80, receiving $2.20 in return. The foreigner, witness stated, was alone at the time. Asked whether she could see the forigner in court, she said that not remembering him, she could not identify him.

Kwang King-bei, of 845 Markham Road, and Wau Tso-sz, of 1399A Robison Road, gave similar evidence and said that they could not identify the foreigner who had collected the rates from them.

Sen Ching-new, owner of a shop situated at 4702-4703 Robison Road, who was next called said that the foreigner who had collected rates from him on November 28 wore a dark suit which appeared to be a uniform. He also wore a uniform cap, witness stated. Asked whether he could identify the man to whom he had paid the money, he pointed to the accused in the dock but added that, while he thought that it was he, he could not be certain.

Sung Ken-wan, of 4701 Robison Road, said that he paid $14.04 to a foreigner on November 28. The man to whom he paid the money, witness added, wore a dark suit and what appeared to be a felt hat. Asked whether he could identify the man in question, witness said that he had very weak eyes but that he would try and walking around in the courtroom, he stopped in front of the dock and pointed to the accused, saying: "That is the man."

Mr. Wright said that these were the only five cases which had been selected for submission to the court and then called Mr. Francis Joseph Forrest, Chief Inspector of the S.M.C. Revenue Department, to the witness-box.

Witness told the court that the accused was an Assistant Inspector in the same department of the Council and that his duties consisted in collecting and supervising the collections of municipal rates in the area known as "Western D" which extend from north Sinza Road to the western limit of the Settlement. Accused, witness stated, was assisted by 17 shroffs and when asked what the daily duties of accused consisted in, witness stated that he attended office at 7.45 a.m. daily to sign the attendance register and to issue approximately 50 receipts to each of his 17 shroffs. At 8 a.m. the accused and his shroffs would leave in hire-cars to a given point in their district and the duties of the accused merely consisted in supervising and assisting his shroffs. At 11.30 a.m., witness continued, accused came back to the office by car to check unpaid receipts with the money collected. This money is then handed over to the Council's compradore by the accused and the Number One shroff. In the afternoon, accused had duties to perform in the office while the shroffs continued their work in the same manner as in the morning. Uncollected amounts being checked with money brought in by the shroffs at 3.30 p.m. when it was again handed over to the Council's compradore office.

In reply to a question from the prosecution, witness stated that no controlling check was exercised over the accused but that a clerical assistant of the Revenue Office checked at least not once but many times twice or three times each week. Asked further regarding the method employed by the clerical assistant in checking the various assistant inspectors, witness said that a list of fifteen or more receipts is prepared at random and the assistant inspector in question is asked to produce them. There was a complete check towards the end of each quarter, however, but this could not be done weekly in view of the fact that each assistant inspector has in his care some 15,000 receipts.

The misappropriations with which the accused is charged, witness continued, extend over the period from October 12 to December and witness had personally satisfied himself that in the 150 cases listed by the prosecution, money was paid each time and the receipt delivered by the accused.

Alleged Confession

"On the afternoon of December 14," witness continued, "the accused approached me and said that he wished to speak to me privately. I told him that he could do so right away but he insisted that he would like to speak to me after office hours whereupon I met him at the S.V.C. club at 5.30 p.m. that same afternoon. There he told me that he was sorry to have abused the confidence I had placed in him. I asked him what he meant and he replied that he had used some Council money. When I asked him why he had done this, he said that at about the beginning of November he went himself to collect rates in order to make a record collection." And then witness told in the own words of the accused, what the latter said to him:

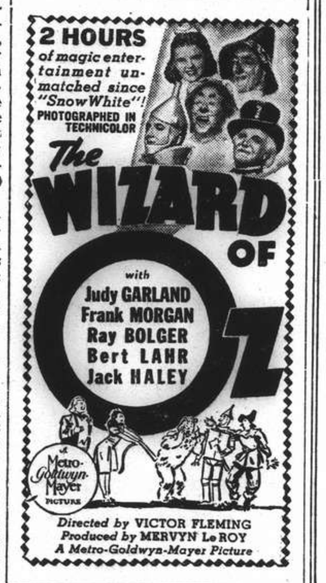
"At about 11.30 a.m.", witness alleged the accused to have stated, "I went to the place where I was to meet the car but found that it had already left. I then took a railless tram to the office and on alighting at the corner of Kiangse and Foochow Roads, I discovered that an approximate sum of $300, which I had collected in the morning, was missing from my pocket."

"I asked him why he did not report the matter immediately", witness continued, "and the accused replied that he was frightened at the time and had conceived the idea of taking more of the Council's money in an attempt to make good for the loss by gambling at the Canidrome and the Auditorium. He also handed me a sheet on which the details of the accounts which he had collected but not turned in, were noted and the total amounted to $1,899.92. Investigations which I subsequently made revealed that the amount actually was $1,939.50 and that the details in his list agreed with those compiled by myself but that he had made an error in the addition of the various amounts."

"I told the accused that I would think the matter over", witness continued in his evidence, "and the following morning I reported the affair to Mr. G. A. Johnston and the matter was thus taken out of my hands."

After this witness had concluded his evidence, Mr. Haines preferred the charges against the accused to which he replied as stated above.

It will be recalled that when the accused first appeared in H.M. Police Court on December 16, he was released on bail on his own recognizance of $500 and two others of $500 each, this bail being renewed yesterday.



Personal Triumph For Gen. Smuts

S. African Prime Minister Says Quick Action Averted Nazi Threat

Standerton (Transvaal, S. Africa), Dec. 21.

If the Government had not taken over the police of South-West Africa in April, world war might have broken out not in Poland, but in South Africa, declared General Jan Smuts, Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, in a speech here last night.

But for the Government's quick action, he went on, an outbreak of war might have occurred on the borders of South Africa. Germany would have followed in South-West Africa the same technique of undermining and breaking the spirit and independence of the people as she did in Austria and Czechoslovakia.

"If Germany had regained South-West Africa there is no doubt that the freedom and independence of South Africa would not have lasted long," the Premier exclaimed.

Loud applause greeted General Smut's remark that Germany as a neighbour was a threat, but England was South Africa's greatest friend.

There was the strongest documentary evidence, he continued to show how German eyes had been on South Africa, who possessed her former colony.

Germany wished not merely to remove old wrongs but to seize all neighbouring nations and then dominate the world.

Regarding the question of independence, General Smuts said no small nation could safeguard its freedom on its own feet. If South Africa seceded from the Empire she would have to seek the guarantee of a great power, and the only one possible was Great Britain.

The meeting later passed a motion of confidence in General Smuts.

Political writers describe the meeting as a great personal triumph for General Smuts, showing that his policy is being increasingly supported as it becomes understood and the world situation develops.—Reuter.

Londoners Get Relief From Black-Out

Introduction of Special Street Lighting

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 21.

A brighter London was instituted last night by the introduction of street lights specially designed to relieve the blackout while not defeating its purpose.

Faint points of light in lamp standards gave a glimmer, the effect of which was aptly described as one of "starlight but not so strong as moonlight."

Even this fractional amount of light, however, was welcomed by Christmas shoppers, for it prevented many people from bumping into obstacles.

The new lighting is expected to be available throughout most of the country in the near future. A degree of relaxation of blackout regulations as affecting shop-windows is already in operation and a scheme to improve the interior lighting of buses and trolley-buses has already been adopted.—Reuter.

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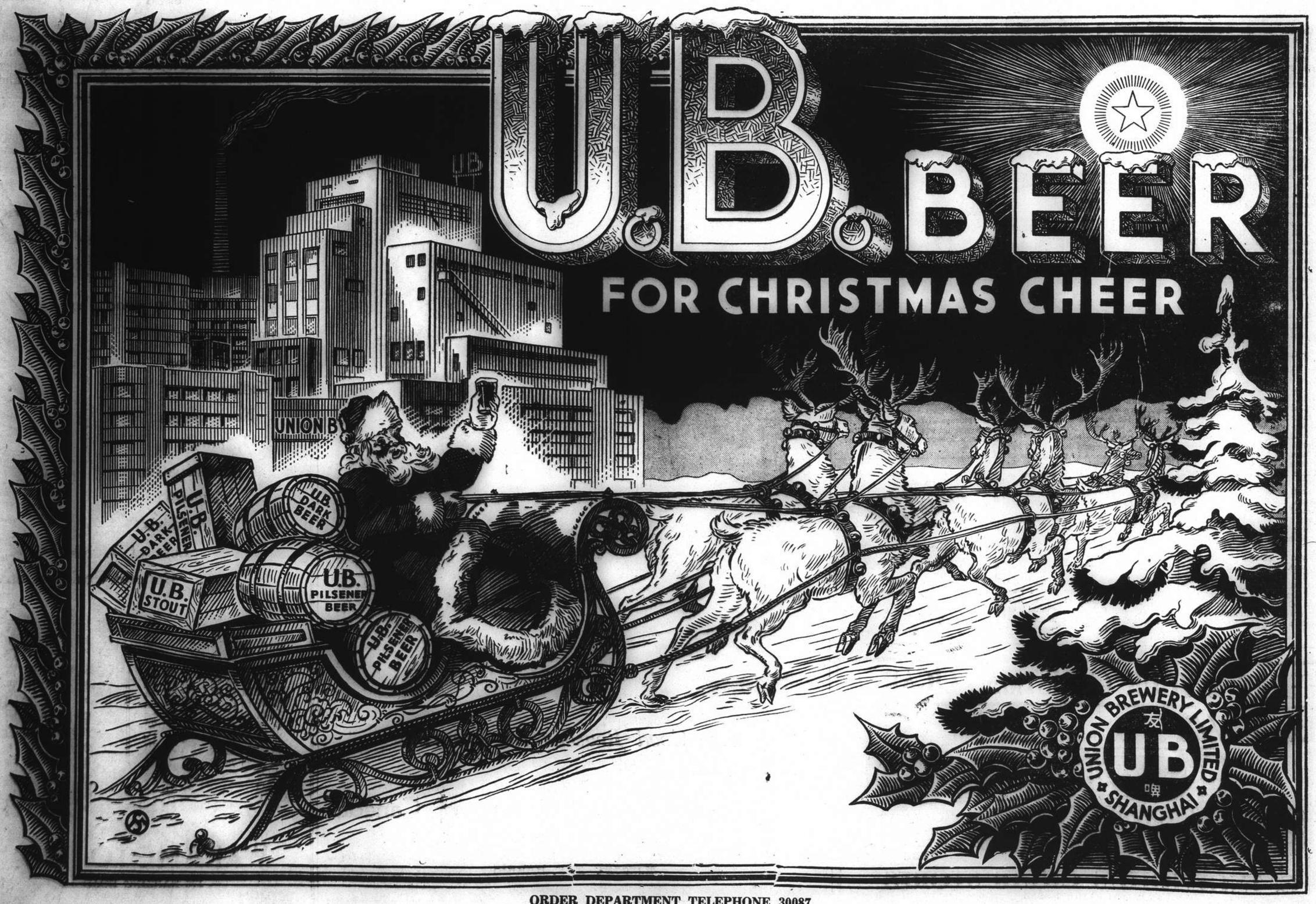

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Suicide and Scuttling Have Demoralizing Effect

German Public Opinion on Inglorious Acts; Details of Columbus' Sinking Told

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.

NEWS of the suicide of Captain Langsdorf, commander of the Admiral Graf Spee, came as an unpleasant shock to German official circles, Reuter learns from Berlin. The Propaganda Ministry has not yet decided whether or in what form the news can be published in the newspapers.—Reuter.

German Public Opinion Affected

Brussels, Dec. 21.

The scuttling of the Columbus and the suicide of Captain Hans Langdorf of the Admiral Graf Spee should have an important moral effect upon the German population, the "Gazette" declared here today.

"The suicide of Captain Langsdorf shows that the Commander of the warship disapproved the order to scuttle her which came from Berlin and did not want to survive this inglorious act," the paper said. "What is especially important, though, is the way in which German public opinion—which the German propagandists are trying to convince that the Reich will succeed in breaking the Allied blockade—will react to the repeated failures."—Havas.

New York, Dec. 21.

The American cruiser Tuscaloosa arrived here yesterday carrying the survivors of the German liner Columbus, which was scuttled by her crew Tuesday rather than allow it to fall into the hands of a British destroyer, Orion. Port officials indicated that the survivors of the vessel would be treated as marooned sailors and permitted to remain 60 days.

The Captain of the German vessel, reading from notes, described the voyage of the Columbus from Vera Cruz.

"We were escorted by an American destroyer from Vera Cruz," he said. "There were always one or two cruisers with us in the beginning. They were friendly, and signalled God speed, safe return, and Merry Christmas, as they left us. The day before the scuttling, the Tuscaloosa took up escort.

British Destroyer Arrives

"Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., a destroyer appeared off the starboard. Nearing quickly, I discerned the English flag and gave the general alarm to stand by, scuttle and burn the ship.

"I had drilled the crew for a month and they knew what to do. The destroyer signalled us to halt. Immediately we started sending boats over the side. The destroyer fired two shots across our bow. I ordered the lifeboats lowered. I ordered the ship scuttled and the sea valves opened.

All the lifeboats were lowered except numbers 13 and 14 to be kept ready for the scuttling crew and the fire brigade when they had finished their jobs.

"The chief engineer reported that the sea valves were open and I ordered the ship set afire. After the last two boats had cleared the ship. I went down a rope to a boat in which I circled the Columbus.

"All the men boarded the Tuscaloosa, which, meanwhile, remained two miles distant. The men on the Tuscaloosa, from the Captain on down, did everything possible for us. It is difficult to express our gratitude."

The Captain of the Tuscaloosa shrugged his shoulders at this and commented, "If you get an order, you fill that order and that's the way it is."—United Press.

Breach of Old German Tradition

London, Dec. 21.

The news that Captain Hans Langsdorf has committed suicide bears out the view previously taken that the scuttling of the pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee was directly ordered by Herr Hitler, and that her ignominious end is as great a violation of the traditions of the old German Navy as the sinking of defenceless merchantmen and trawlers, declares a special commentary issued here today.

German propaganda, the commentary says, alleged that H.M.S. Exeter (8,390 tons) and H.M.S. Ajax (6,840 tons) ran away, while H.M.S. Achilles (7,030 tons) was sunk in the battle off the Rio de la Plata on December 13. The Germans also claimed that Germany and Uruguay alone knew the hour when the pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee had to leave Montevideo.

After scuttling the vessel, the commentary continues, the Germans suggested that events had been precipitated by the action of Uruguay.

British Losses

At 7 p.m. on December 18, it is stated, the Deutschlandsender announced that the Exeter had been so badly smashed that she resembled an open rowing-boat, while at 6 a.m. on December 19, the same station said "the humane decision of the Fuehrer did not allow the lives of the crew of the Admiral Graf Spee to be imperilled in a fight with greatly superior forces."

In connection with the scuttling of the German battleship and the loss or damage of two German cruisers in three days, the special commentary recapitulates British naval losses so far suffered in the current war. They are:

The aircraft carrier Courageous (22,500 tons), the battleship Royal Oak (29,150 tons), the destroyers Gipsy (1,335 tons), Blanche (1,360 tons) and Duchess (1,375 tons), the submarine Oxley (1,354 tons), the auxiliary cruiser Rawalpindi (16,697 tons), and a few auxiliary patrol vessels.

The aircraft carrier Ark Royal (23,000 tons), the cruiser Southampton (9,100 tons), the battle cruisers Hood (42,100), Renown (32,000 tons), and Repulse (32,000 tons), and other ships alleged by the Germans to have been sunk or damaged are still engaged in their lawful duties, some of which have now been revealed, the commentary concludes.—Reuter.

Opinion in U.S.

Washington, Dec. 20.

News of the suicide in Buenos Aires of Captain Langsdorf, Commander of the Admiral Graf Spee, was received with deep emotion here.

Observers point out that the Captain recovered his personal honour after having scrupulously obeyed orders from Berlin to destroy his ship without putting up a fight contrary to the tradition of honour in all navies throughout the world.

The tragic epilogue to the Graf Spee episode, it is stated here, stresses once again the gulf between the old and new Germany, the former represented by brave officers and men and the latter by the Nazi clique. The Nazis refuse to acknowledge a defeat, even if suffered honourably. They attempt first to turn it into a victory, as in the case of the Graf Spee, the blame for the destruction of which was placed upon Uruguay. They refuse to recognize that the vessel was compelled to flee in the first case.

The scuttling of the Graf Spee and the suicide of her Captain has done more harm to German prestige than any other event since the beginning of the war.—Havas.

Germany to Protest Internment

Berlin, Dec. 21.

The German Government will protest to Argentina against the internment of the crew of the pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee, whose commander, Captain Hans Langsdorf, committed suicide yesterday, the official D.N.B. News Agency revealed today.

The protest will probably be against alleged plans to interne the Graf Spee's crew in a central Argentine province, it was learned.—United Press.

Landed in N.Y.

New York, Dec. 21.

The crew, 587, of the scuttled liner Columbus were landed in New York yesterday afternoon at 4.30 p.m. by the American cruiser Tuscaloosa.

They were immediately transported to Ellis Island, where they will be treated as survivors of a maritime disaster, and as such will be entitled to remain in America for sixty days.

The Columbus was carrying 590 men and one woman when she left Vera Cruz. One man and the woman were hurt during the scuttling of the vessel, and have been taken aboard the British destroyer Hyperion, which met the Columbus.

One officer of the German ship declared that when they left Vera Cruz no-one but the captain knew their exact destination. All aboard, however, thought that they were going to try to run the Allied blockade as had the Bremen. They intended to take advantage of the fact that a great many units of the British navy were concentrated at Montevideo where the Admiral Graf Spee was taking refuge.—Havas.

Broadcasting Secretly

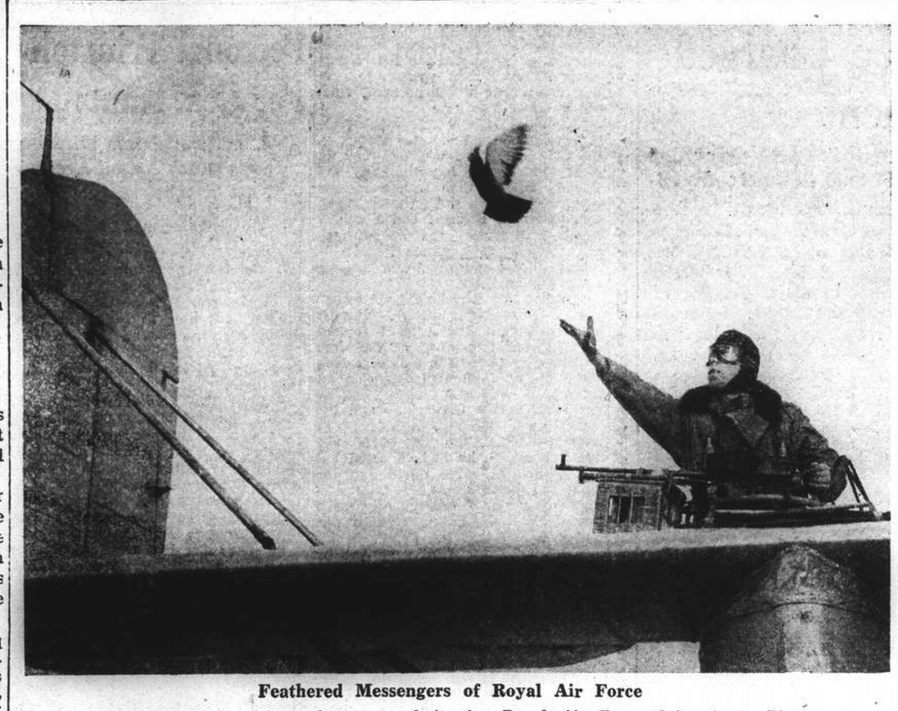
Mexico City, Dec. 21.

Had she managed to escape capture and return to Mexico, the Columbus would have been given the alternative of being interned or of leaving immediately, a high Mexican official told the press here today.

This attitude would have been the natural consequence of the actions of the Columbus when she was in Mexico. At that time she engaged in supplying submarines with fuel and broadcasting secretly to ships at sea contrary to the rules of international law.

It is believed that the Columbus had a huge cargo of boots for the German Army on board when she sank.—Havas.

PREPARATIONS are being made to establish a branch office of the National Reconstruction Savings Association in Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi, says a Chinese message to the "Sin Wan Pao."



Feathered Messengers of Royal Air Force

A pigeon being liberated from the rear cockpit of a Royal Air Force flying boat. Pigeons are once again being used for communication purposes.

Military Honours At Funeral

Crew to Attend Rites; British Press Praise Capt. Langsdorf

Buenos Aires, Dec. 20.

Military honours will be rendered by a detachment of Argentine marines at the funeral of Captain Langsdorf of the Admiral Graf Spee, who committed suicide this morning, the Ministry of Navy announced today.

The crew of the Graf Spee were informed of the Captain's suicide at 3.40 p.m. this afternoon. They said that it was a premeditated act for he had been distributing a number of his personal belongings to his officers and men during the past few days.

The sailors of the Graf Spee, mostly under age, declared that they were volunteers and not conscripts.—Havas.

Crew Attend Funeral

Buenos Aires, Dec. 21.

President Roberto Ortiz has granted permission to the officers and crew of the Admiral Graf Spee to attend the funeral of their commander, Captain Langsdorf, who committed suicide yesterday.

Further details on the suicide reveal that after dinner last night, Captain Langsdorf chatted with his officers before retiring to his room. He shock hands with each officer before leaving, and also handed a letter to an Embassy official destined to the German Ambassador.

This morning, he was found lying on a German flag on the floor beside his bed. His right temple was pierced by a bullet from a revolver which he had in his hand.

Wished to Save Honour

His officers and men and the Argentinian naval officers who saw his body lying in his room believe that he wished to save the traditional honour of the German Navy.

The funeral will take place at 4 p.m. today and the burial at 5.15 p.m.

All access has been banned to the room in which the late Captain's body was placed.

Rumours of the suicide were spread throughout Buenos Aires yesterday morning, but official quarters denied them. The German Embassy alone was informed by the German officers in the hotel where the crew of the Graf Spee is interned.—Havas.

Wanted to Die in His Ship

Buenos Aires, Dec. 20.

Tribute to Captain Hans Langsdorf, commander of the German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee which was scuttled off Montevideo, who committed suicide today, is paid in a Germany Embassy communiqué issued tonight.

"The Commander of the glorious cruiser Admiral Graf Spee, Captain Langsdorf, last night sacrificed his life for his country by voluntary self immolation," says the communique.

"From the outset he decided to share the fate of his fine ship and only personal influence and due consideration for his responsibility for the successful disembarkation of his crew of more than 1,000 men led him to postpone the fulfilment of his intention until his duty was done and his superiors fully informed of the situation.

"This mission ended, he bowed to destiny, a brave sailor who has written another page to the glory of the German Navy."

Before committing suicide by shooting himself with a revolver in his hotel room, Captain Langsdorff wrote a letter to the German Ambassador in which he said when he received the order to scuttle the Admiral Graf Spee he intended, after disembarking the crew, to die aboard in the explosion.—Reuter.

Capt. Dove's Account

Montevideo, Dec. 20.

Captain Dove, one of the British merchantship captains held captive on the German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee until he was released here, told Reuter that Captain Hans Langsdorf, commander of the warship, declared after the battle with British cruisers that he would not take his ship out from Montevideo to certain destruction.

The German commander, according to Captain Dove, said: "I decline to sacrifice my ship or my men uselessly. Anyhow, I am glad not to have the death of even one British non-combatant on my conscience."

Captain Dove made this statement last Thursday but previously had refused to allow it to be published as he feared it might bring refribution on Captain Langsdorf from Germany.—Reuter.

British Press Laud Action

London, Dec. 20.

The entire British press this morning paid homage to Captain Hans Langsdorf.

Most papers interpreted his action as a protest against the instructions he received to scuttle his ship, which were incompatible with the elementary requirements of the code of honour.

"Dying by his own hand, the Commander of the Admiral Graf Spee proved that he feared nothing but dishonour," the "Daily Telegraph" declared. "From those who fought him and his cause must come the salute due to the tragedy of a gallant seaman. The ignominy in which Hitlerism had involved him he could not endure and he redeemed himself."

"The Times" stressed that every man belonging to the honourable fellowship of the sea, which even war does not entirely dissolve, will understand the anguish of mind that drove him to this deed."

Tragedy of Such Men

"It would certainly have been understood by that gallant officer of the late Admiral Graf von Spee and by many others who contributed to the great tradition of the German Imperial Navy," "The Times" added. "It is the tragedy of such men that they can't serve their country save in the livery of a master whom in their hearts they must despise."

The "News Chronicle" stated that "his suicide may be read as the protest not merely of himself but probably of the whole German Navy against a decision which has once again brought the name of Germany to the contempt of the world."

"The Daily Herald" emphasized that "not only Captain Langsdorf but all Germany shares the shame which their Fuehrer has put on them."—Havas.

Germans Said Advising Kroner Sales

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 21.

The Exchange Telegraph reported from Peiping yesterday that a German bank there was advising its clients to sell holdings of the Swedish kroner as soon as possible.—United Press.

Are You A Cold Catcher?

Then you are probably one of those who suffer from partial constipation. A very large number of people do not complete the elimination of waste matter regularly every day. Thus there is an accumulation left in the system that contaminates the bloodstream, reduces vitality, renders you liable to colds, headaches, that "off colour" feeling, loss of appetite, poor digestion.

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Why Germany Has Hesitated

Lack of Confidence in Reich Exists Says Lord Chatfield in Broadcast

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 21.

The reason that Germany had not launched either a land attack against the Allied forces or a vast air assault on Britain was because she had not the confidence that she could thus succeed, declared Lord Chatfield, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, in a broadcast speech last night.

One of the vital chapters of the war was now being written, the Minister went on. Whatever she might say, Germany needed a short war, and her move was to break the British navy's grip on her supplies "and defeat us where we are most vulnerable but strongest—on the sea."

When Germany signed the conventions to use the submarine and mine lawfully she had not the slightest intention of keeping her word, Lord Chatfield asserted. New mines, designed with all the devilish ingenuity of which Germany was capable, had not been suddenly produced. They had long been in store, like a burglar's jemmy.

Classic Action

Referring to the British cruisers' battle with the German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee, Lord Chatfield commented: "If they could not knock the giant out, they anyhow knocked him through the ropes and he failed to re-enter the ring. The action was a classic one and will go down in history. There are many more in the Navy like Rear Admiral Sir Henry Harwood and his men, anxious to be led to victory."

The battle was an example not only of courage, but of that immeasurable quality—fighting efficiency. It was their most reliable weapon, which had never failed them.

"By defeating the enemy on the seas" the Minister continued "we are laying the foundations for victory and ensuring that all future military operations can be safely conducted. The Army was the last to come into the field of war, but it may well be the Army on which we will finally rely to bring us victory."

Duty at Home

Referring to the home front, Lord Chatfield said: "We too have a great responsibility. It is our duty not only to defend these islands, vital home bases, and to supply adequately our fighting forces, but also to maintain united the national spirit.

"We have a cause to bring us all together, an aim that is an inspiration—to create a better Europe with safe homes from which the haunting shadow of war is banished; where nations like Poland cannot suddenly be torn to pieces, their homes burnt and people left to starve; to create a Europe where a great-spirited country like Finland cannot suddenly find itself attacked by its neighbour because his vineyard is coveted."—Reuter.

Union Church Tuesday Evening Club

Some Reminiscences of Early Days in Hankow

The Union Church Tuesday Evening Club held its usual monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, when the members were transported in spirit by the speaker, Mr. H. Wright, into the life of Hankow some 70 to 80 years ago.

In an entertaining and instructive manner, the speaker introduced his subject, "Notes from an Old Minute Book," by tracing the growth of the city of Hankow from 1841 to 1897, referring to its connections with the tea trade, once so famous throughout the world, and the growth of the concessions with the centre of business life focussed round the "Club."

He cleverly portrayed the personality of some of the residents in that outport in the early days of its history, as shown in notes left by members of the foreign community. Although none of those present could claim knowledge of Hankow in that era, many had visited the city, and retained pleasant recollections of the hospitality of its inhabitants and the "Club."

Mr. W. McLennan, in proposing a vote of thanks to the speaker, gave amusing reminiscences of our own city. Dr. Couper Patrick followed with comments to show the value of the written word in "The Vindication of Warren Hastings," concluding with the remark that we could only visualize the past by records as kept in minutes and notes.

Overseas Remittances Fall Off

Amoy Bankers Show Chinese Contributions Decline

Amoy, Dec. 21.

Monthly remittances from overseas Chinese showed a decrease as compared to the figures before the hostilities, bankers at Kulangsu revealed.

Three reasons for the decrease were seen by banking circles. One cause was the exodus of families of rich overseas Chinese, who left their homes in this district and returned to the South Seas.

Difficulty of communication between here and interior districts made if necessary to send money to the interior directly.

Another reason was the arrangement between overseas banks and post offices in China. Remittances are addressed to post offices, the latter sending them to Chinese in the interior by postal money orders.

Recently, however, overseas remittances to local banks began to increase gradually and at present the total monthly receipts average about $2,000,000. This is attributed to increased payments by labourers in the South Seas, according to banking circles.—Domei.

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Defects in German Planes Seen

Recent Battles Show British Superiority

London, Dec. 20.

Interesting data on the fighting capacities of new German aircraft was gathered during the recent successful British raid on the Heligoland naval base, it was learned today. These new fighters, it is stated, are Messerschmidts of the Model 110. They are equipped with twin-engines capable of developing a speed of between 370 and 375 miles per hour and are armed with two cannons, four machine-guns in the front and none in the rear.

The air-fight near Heligoland revealed that the new Messerschmidt type must suffer of the same defects as the previous model in that it has too great a weight per square-inch. On the old Messerschmidt, it is pointed out, the weight was by one-third superior to the weight per square-inch of the corresponding British fighters.

Such excessive weight, it is furthermore pointed out, considerably reduces the plane's ease of movement, while any form of engine-trouble may prove fatal to the aircraft and its crew because the gliding power of these machines is practically non-existent.

This defect presumably accounts for the fact that a dozen of these new machines were downed by the British raiders. Aviation experts here also state that Britain will soon put into service, new fighters the cruising-speed of which will be greater than that of the Messerschmidts and the fighting power far superior.

Another lesson learned as a result of the raid on Heligoland is that British bombers do not have to be escorted by numerous fighters as they have proved that they can hold their own against enemy pursuit planes.—Havas.

Christmas Musical Service

Splendid Choral Effects to Be Repeated on Sunday

There was a very large attendance at the beautiful service of Christmas music held in the Holy Trinity Cathedral on Wednesday. This was the first of two identical services, the second being due to take place on Christmas Eve at the conveniently early hour of five o'clock.

The form of these services has been so arranged this year that the congregation may sing no less than seven well-known carols and Christmas hymns, including such favourites as "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen." All these are led by the choir and with organ accompaniment as well there is no need for any member of the congregation to be hesitant about joining in.

The choir, augmented for the occasion, sings alone an equal number of carols, some ancient and some modern, amongst which are the very moving "Ding Dong! Merrily On High" and "Our Lady's Lullaby," the latter with a solo part for Soprano voice. And to complete the musical part of the service there is also a "Christmas Pastorale" for organ.

Carol services seem such a pleasant feature of the Christmas season and Wednesday's was so good in every way that everyone who did not attend then is strongly urged not to miss the Christmas Eve service.

German Officials Being Recalled from Japan

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

The "Kokumin Shimbun" reported today that the German Ambassador to Japan, Major-Gen. Eugen Ott, and other high German Embassy officials here would soon be recalled to Berlin.

The reason for their alleged recall, the paper said, was their "failure to take effective measures to enforce Berlin's pro-Japanese policy in coping with the situation arising from the Soviet-German rapprochement and the European War."—United Press.

Debt Limit in U.S. Approaching

45 Billion Mark May Be Reached by Time Congress Meets Next Month

Washington, Dec. 21.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr Henry Morgenthau, Jr., has told reporters that he would not draw checks "one penny" over the statutory debt limit of $45,000,000,000. The debt stands now at $41,168,000,000 and Mr. Morgenthau said the Tresaury would be able to stay within the limit until Congress meets in January.

The, he said, it will be up to the legislature. Unless the law makers stray far from precedent and begin to economize on the eve of an election, they have two courses open to meet the problem: either raise the debt ceiling to permit additional Treasury borrowing or impose new taxes. Mr. Morgenthau doubted that President Roosevelt would recommend a raise in the debt ceiling.

Complicating the fiscal picture is the $3,000,000,000 national defence programme being prepared for submission to the legislators when they reassemble. Few expect a serious attempt to be made at the next session to effectuate widespread economies

Relief Rolls Shorter

Sharp reduction in the number of persons on relief rolls probably will encourage a slash in that appropriation for the next fiscal year. Relief costs were budgeted at $2,019,000,000 for the year ending June 30, 1939, and reached $3,500,000,000 in the last fiscal year.

The President told Congress on January 4, 1939, that it must assume full responsibility for reductions made in Government services.. He said that some expenditures, such as the interest on the public debt, could not be disturbed, and enumerated various operations which he said Congress must attack if it wanted to make important savings.

Ways of Saving

Among them were agriculture and soil conservation, veterans pensions, flood control, highways' waterways, social and health services, the Civilian Conservation Corps, relief and national defence.

Mr. Robert L. Doughton, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, echoed the hope of most of his colleagues when he said that it might not be necessary to bring up a tax bill next session. He is counting on higher Treasury collections as a result of improved business conditions to make possible retention of present levies.—United Press.

Frank Morgan Injured In Auto Wreck

Deming, N.M., Dec. 21.

Mr. Frank Morgan, Hollywood motion picture star, his wife and son were injured in an automobile accident 30 miles east of here today. Hospital attaches said Mr. Morgan's condition was not believed to be serious. Their chauffeur was critically hurt.—United Press.

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Negotiations Continue Over Outside Roads

Kiangwan is Considering New Proposals by S.M.C.

The negotiations concerning the western extra-Settlement roads area are still in progress and there has been no "general rejection" by the Shanghai Municipal Council of Mr. Fu Siao-en's proposals, it was ascertained from Settlement officials yesterday.

Mr. G. Godfrey Phillips, Secretary and Commissioner General, denied that there was any truth in the widely circulated report that the S.M.C. had definitely "turned down" the proposals from Kiangwan. Mr. Phillips said he was not in a position, however, to divulge the nature of the counter-proposals presented to Mr. Fu by Council officials on Tuesday.

Suggestions for a settlement of the outside roads question were first made by the Council to Mr. Fu. The Mayor of the "Special Municipality" replied with counter-proposals. Now the Council has presented a new set of proposals.

Mr. Phillips would not venture any prediction as to the approximate time when an agreement might be expected.

Australia in War as Much as Britain

Strong Statement Made By Mr. Menzies

London, Dec. 21.

Mr. R. G. Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia, yesterday emphatically denied German allegations that Australians will not send man power to the assistance of the Allies, but will only send supplies of foodstuffs to Britain.

Inaugurating the Australian Government's first short wave national broadcast picked up in London, Mr. Menzies said Australia is in the war as much as Britain and France and will not quit until victory is assured.

"We are not benevolent neutrals," he declared. "We are belligerent people and we are in this war to win. We did not enter it lightly and we will not depart from it except as victors.

"Germany need encourage herself with no false hopes. She will discover that winning the war is just as much the business of Australians as it is of Englishmen or New Zealanders or Canadians."—United Press.

Swedish Government to Have Wider Powers

Stockholm, Dec. 21.

A Bill giving the Government wider powers in times of war, or threat of war, was introduced at the Riksda today by the Minister of Justice. The Bill aims at offences liable to endanger the defence of the Kingdom, national supply and friendly relations with foreign states. One of its main objects is to prevent the passing of secret information to unauthorised persons.—Reuter.

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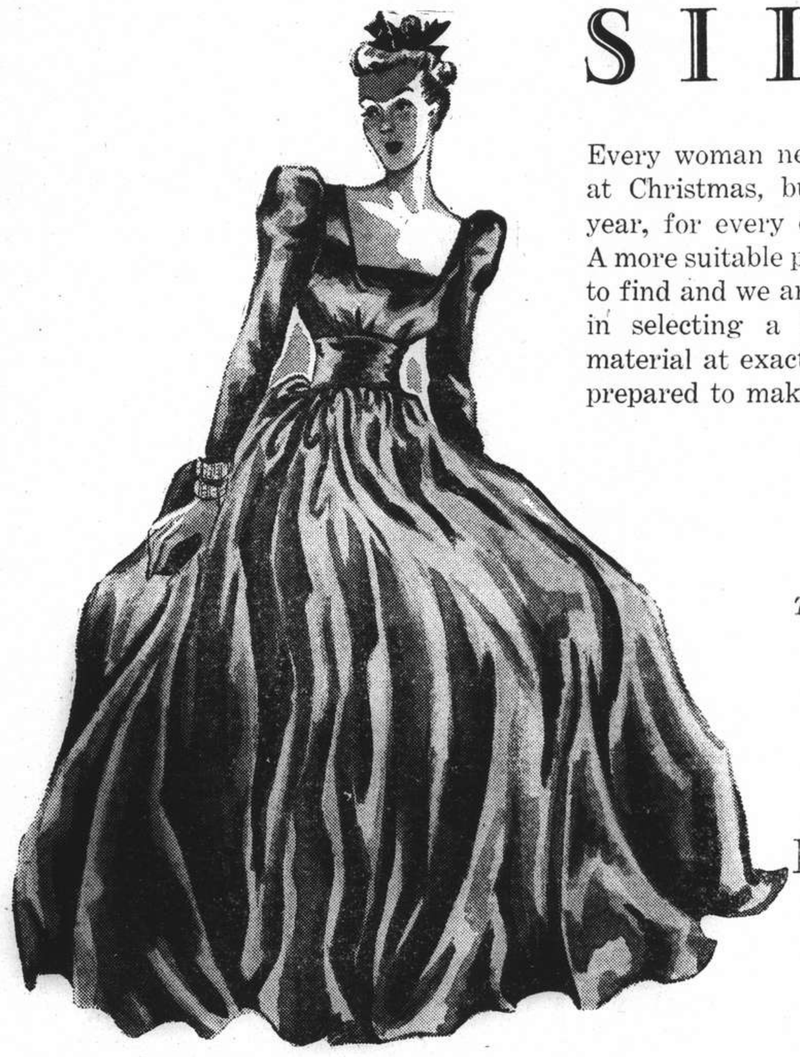
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U.S. $100 @ 7½		$1,333.33
Francs	336	$100
Yen	32	100
Guilders	14	100
Rupees	25½	100
Pesos	15	100
Hongkong	$30½	100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 23/32d.	$ 50.86
U.S. $100 @ 7¾	$1,290.32
London—demand, $1=	4 23/32d.
4 months' sight credits	4 13/32d.
4 months' sight docts	4 7/32d.
6 months' sight credits	4 11/32d.
6 months' sight docts	4 1/32d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S.$73¾
4 months' sight credits	U.S.$71⅞
4 months' sight docts	U.S.$8

NEW YORK/LONDON CROSS RATES

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U.S.$	Selling " @	9 7/16	" H.H.$	100
"	Buying " @	10¼	" H.H.$	100

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£	Highest	4 11/32	Lowest	4⅝
U.S. G.$		7 11/16		7 13/32
Yen		—		—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

SELLING			BUYING	
Dec.			Dec./Jan.	
£ T.T.	4⅝	4 m/s. l.c.	4 25/32	
G.$ T.T.	7⅝	4 m/s. l.c.	7 11/16	
Fcs. T.T.	343	4 m/s	356	
Rs. T.T.	25⅞	15 d/s.	26⅜	

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Local buyers U.S.$ for Cash	394¾

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4⅝ sterling and 7⅝ U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened with sellers for Cash at 4 23/32 sterling and 7 11/16 U.S.$ and for a time was uncertain but ultimately turned easy and declined to 4 13/32 sterling and 7 9/16 U.S.$. In the afternoon the market was steadier and closed with sellers at:—

4 13/32 sterling	7 21/32 U.S.$	Cash/Dec.
4⅝ "	7 11/16 "	Jan.
4 27/32 "	7 13/16 "	Feb.

Yesterday's Rice Prices

Changchu per shih (176 lb.)	$40.00
Sungkiang "	38.50
Saigon "	35.70

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay, Rupee T. T. on:

		Closing Dec. 20.	
Japan	80⅛	London	1/5 31/32
New York	38⅜	2 mths	
Shanghai	29	" (selers)	1/5 31/32
Hongkong	85½	" (buyers)	1/6 1/16
		Japan	
		" (sellers)	81⅞
		" (buyers)	80⅞

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	402.00	Shanghai	4⅞d
Paris	176.00	Bombay	1/6 3/32*
Berlin	—	Hongkong	1/3 5/32*
Amsterdam	7.52	Singapore	2/4 3/32*
Brussels	24.00	Yokohama	1/2 11/32
Madrid	38.50 *	" (buying)	1/2 13/32
Milan	77.25	Prague	—
Berne	17.80		

*—Unofficial Rates.

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.20	Montreal	4.47 3/16
Spain	9.95	Brazil	5.10
Holland	53.09	Japan	23.49
Paris	2.24	Shanghai	7.85
Brussels	16.67	Hungary	17.60
Italy	5.95	Rumania	0.73
S'zerland	22.43	Yugo Slavia	2.35
Sweden	23.82½	Greece	0.73
Norway	22.72½	Bulgaria	unq.
Denmark	19.38½	Finland	1.95

London	3.95
" Demand	3.94
" Bankers' 60 days bills	3.94¼
" Commercial 60 days bills	3.94¼
Buenos Aires Paper	Unq.
" " market rate	22.75
Montreal on London	4.47 3/16

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London:		Dec. 20.
Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1¼%
Bank Bills,	6 months	1 7/16%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¾%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3¼%
Call Money		0⅞%

New York:	
Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%B 0 7/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 9/16%B 0½%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Paris Bourse

Paris, Dec. 20.

The market was calm and opened very irregularly. During the session a large number of sales were made and had a depressing influence on quotations. Towards the close some buying was registered and the closing quotations were above the lowest level of the day.—Havas.

Silver Quotations

London, Dec. 21.

Silver prices further declined, quotations read as follows:—

	Dec., 20	Dec. 21
London spot	23 7/16d.	23⅜d.
" forward	23⅝d.	23½d.
" gold	168/-	168/-

—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The undertone of the market was a good deal firmer, though the volume was still light and there were no transactions of particular interest. Industrials were quiet and steady and, in spite of a drop in Rubber, there were signs of good enquiries by conservative investors.

Official Averages

1939 High	Low		Averages	Today's Change
227.17	105.32	General	207.62	—0.56
304.80	95.55	Rubbers	291.39	—0.15

Total 99,480 shares, 1,330 bonds.

Afternoon Session

Power 5½% Debs.			1000	86.50
10000 *86.50	2000 *86.75		26000	86.75
China Realty 8%	Tael Debs.		29000	87.00
I. I. Trust			500	10.00
S'hai Loan	500	13.20	1500	*13.30
1000 13.30				
Yangtsze Finance			500	8.90
S'hai Land	500	11.20	500	*11.10
2500 11.20	1000 *11.20			
New Eng. (Ord)	200	19.70	100	19.80
200 19.70	100	19.80		
S'hai Dock	50	215.00	50	214.00
Wheelock			100	72.00
S'hai Telephone			1200	21.75
Tram (Bearer)	£1		100	40.25
100*40.50				
Metal	400	18.30	500	*18.30
Kaiping			100	43.50
Lumber			200	*38.00
Exploration		(X.D.)	500	8.60
1000 8.60	500	8.55	500	8.60
Power (Pref)		20	129.00	105 128.75
15*128.75		50*129.00	30	129.00
Ewo Mills (Ord)	300	25.90	100	25.80
1200 *25.90	400	25.90	300	25.80
300 *25.90	1200	25.90		
Alma			200	39.75
Anglo Dutch	100	18.70	500	18.60
Anglo Java	500	*38.00	200	38.00
Batu Anam	2000	1.34	2000	*1.34
Cheng	1000	0.73	2000	0.74
7000 0.73				
Consolidated			500	7.35
Java Consolidated			2000	4.90
Kroewoek	6000	3.00	5000	3.02½
Langkat			1000	27.00
Rubber Trust	500	7.85	1000	*7.90
1000 7.85				
Samagaga			1000	2.10
Senawang	2000	*1.66	1000	1.66
1000 *1.64	3000	1.66	1000	1.68
Kelantan	5000	0.73	1000	*0.73
1000 0.74	1000	*0.75	5000	0.75
Seremban			1000	2.75
Sungala			500	7.90
Tanah Merah	1000	3.27½	1000	*3.27½
Tebong			10000	1.46
Ziangbe			700	27.00
Auto Palace			500	14.25

ODD LOTS

S'hai Land	100	11.20
Power (Pref)	5	128.50
Cathay Land	250	*1.60
S'hai Land	30	11.30
S'hai Loan	100	13.40
Power (Pref)	2	*128.50
Rubber Trust	250	7.95

*—Direct Business.

U.S. Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 20.

Cotton prices early declined on stop-loss selling and heavy Liverpool liquidation. Later, the market continued to sag on profit-taking, mills hedging and commission house liquidation. Closing quotations were from easy to weak, ranging from no change to 21 points down, compared with the previous final levels.

Easier conditions prevailed in the market for raw rubber futures, with values moving lower on substantial offerings and a lessened demand for primaries. At the last callover, losses of from 11 to 32 points were recorded.

Chicago wheat prices were subjected to heavy realising today on reports that, although moisture was received in some parts of the drought areas, it was not sufficient. Later, general selling further depressed prices. At the final bell, losses from 2 to 2½ cents were recorded.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
Jan. 10.85-65	unc		
Mar. 10.63-66	—08		
May 10.25-28	—10	Mar. 19.13-16	—34
July 9.86-88	—14	May 18.90-95	—22
July (N.C.) 10.10 N	—15	B/A July 18.73-73	—22
Oct. (N.C.) 9.40-40	—20		
Dec. (N.C.) 9.32-32	—21		

N. Y. Sugar No. 3		N. Y. Sugar No. 4	
Mar. 2.00-01	+04	Mar. 1.62½ B	—02
B/A		B/A	
May 2.05-06	+06	May 1.63½-63—½ 1½	
B/A		B/A	
Sept. 2.10-11	+05	Sept. 1.65½ B	—02
B/A		B/A	

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
May 103⅞-104	—2⅛	May 58⅛-58¼	—1⅜
July 102-102	—2⅛		

Winnipeg Wheat		New York Silk No. 1	
May 89¼ A	—⅞	Dec. 3.95-4.00	—25
		B/A	

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

British Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, Dec. 20.

In the commodity markets, Liverpool cotton eased on general liquidation, which disclosed a poor offtake.

London Rubber: Spot, buyers 11¾ —⅛; sellers 11⅞ —⅛; January, delivery, buyers 11 11/16 —5/16; sellers 11 13/16 —5/16;

Liverpool Cotton: American Futures: Jan. 8.25 —14; Mar. 8.28 —16; May 8.27 —18; July 8.21 —19; Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7) No. 2 contract: Jan. 9.71 —37; Mar. 9.86 —37; May 9.95 —38; July 9.96 —38.

London Metals: Tin, Standard, cash, sellers £256¼ —1¾; 3 mths sellers £255¼ —1. Antimony, China, Regulus, c.i.f. per ton £76 to £80 nominal, unch.

New York Metals: Antimony, Chinese, in car load lots (25 tons), f.o.b. New York, duty paid, 16½ cts. per lb. unch. Tin, Straits, c.i.f. New York (25 tons lots) 50¼ cts. per lb., unch. Copper, Electrolytic, first hand per lb. 12½ cts. unch.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Dec. 20.	Bid Prices a.m. Closing		p.m. Closing	
Atoks	.185		.195	S
Antamok	.175	S	.175	S
Baguio Gold	.155		.155	
Batong Buhay	.012		.013	S
Benguet Consolidated	Unq.		Unq.	
Big Wedge	.225		.23	
Coco Grove	.175	S	.175	S
Consolidated Mines	.0025		.0025	S
Demonstration	.11	S	.11	S
East Mindanao	.11	S	.115	S
I. X. L.	.415		.41	
Ipo Gold	.145	S	.145	S
Itogon	.29	S	.295	S
Mambulao Consolidated	.017		.017	
Masbate Consolidated	.11	S	.11	S
Mine Operations	.11	S	.115	S
North Camarines	.17	S	.17	S
Paracale Gumaus	.19		.19	S
San Mauricio	.84	S	.84	S
Surigao Consolidated	.16		.16	
Suyoc	.15	S	.145	S
Sydicate Investment	.023	S	.024	S
United Paracale	.325	S	.34	S
Mindanao Motherlode	.0975	S	.095	S

Turnover for the Morning: 351,600 Pesos.

Shares Index: (Morning Session) 79.10.

S—Sales.—Reuter.

New York Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 20.

Gains from fractions to one point were registered on the New York Stock Exchange today, but there was no rush to buy. After showing early indecision, values advanced on selective buying and then wilted under the day's best levels as a result of profit-taking.

Very favourable earnings and dividends and the gyrations of major commodities were, more or less disregarded, while the continued lack of public interest presented a more perplexing problem.

Year-end adjustments, it is believed, will largely be completed this week, with constructive forces hoping that the market will improve after the holidays.

The volume of trading amounted to 910,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	149.66	148.41	149.13	+0.20
20 Rails	31.68	31.05	31.42	+0.29
15 Utilit.	25.00	24.75	24.87	+0.05
40 Bonds	—	—	89.15	—0.04
11 Commod.	—	—	63.07	—0.86

Dec. 19	20	Dec. 19	20
Adams Exp 7/8	8	Jones & L 67½	*66
Alg Lud Stl 21⅞	22	Kennecott 38½	36½
Alld Stores 8¼	9½	Lak F & M *3½	3½
Allis Chal 39½	30½	Libbey O F 49¼	49¾
Alumin Ld 95	96	Lockheed 30½	29⅞
Amer Can 112	112	Loews 32½	34
Am Cyan B 32⅝	33	Mack Trks 27⅞	27⅞
Am For Pr 1⅛	1⅞	Martin G 39⅝	39⅝
" $7 pfd. 23¾	24	Mck & R *16⅝	*16½
Am G & E 38	37⅞	Monsanto 106½	106½
Am Loco 22½	22⅝	Mont Ward 53⅞	54⅛
Am Metal 23⅛	22⅝	Nat City B *27⅞	27½
Am Radtr 9½	9⅝	Nat Avlan 13	13½
Am R Mill 16½	16½	Nat Dairy 16½	16¼
Am Smltg 51½	51	Nat Distrs 22¾	22⅞
Am Sug R 21⅝	20½	Nat Gyp 11	11
Am T & T 169⅛	169½	Nat Lead 19⅝	20½
Am Tob B 84	83⅞	Nat P & L 8½	8½
Am Wtrwks 11⅛	11⅛	Nat Steel 70	70
Anaconda 31	31½	Nat Supply 8½	8½
Atchison 24	23⅞	N Y Cent 18½	18⅝
Auburn 2⅜	2½	Niag Hud 6	6
Bald Loco 17	17	N A Avian 25½	25⅝
B & Ohio 5⅝	5½	N Pacific 8⅜	8⅜
Barber 14⅝	14½	N Am Co 21⅛	22
Barns Oil 11⅞	12½	O I Glass 62	62½
Bendix 29⅝	29½	Pac G & E 33	33
Beth Steel 82	82½	Pac Lightg 46	47½
Bliss *14½	14	Packard 3½	3½
Boeing 22½	22	Paramount 7⅝	7⅝
Borg Warn 24	23⅞	Penn R R 22½	22½
Briggs 21	21½	Phelps D 41½	41½
Bkyn-M Tr 14⅜	13⅞	P & R Coal *0⅝	*0⅝
" $6 pfd 48½	47½	Phil Pet 39⅝	39½
Budd Mfg. 5½	5½	Pitts C & I *8½	*8½
Can. Pac 4⅞	4⅝	P S of NJ 40	40
Case JI 71½	71½	Pullman 32½	32
Celanese 29½	29½	Pure Oil 7⅞	8½
Chase N B *35½	*35½	Radio 5½	5½
Ches & O 39⅝	39⅝	Reading 15½	15⅝
Chrysler 89	89½	" 1st pfd *25½	25½
Clim Mlyb 40	40½	R Arms *4⅞	*4⅞
Colts *82	81½	Rep Avian 5½	5½
Colt G & E 6	6	Rep Steel 23½	23⅝
" 6% pfd 85	85	Rev C & B *14	14
Com Cred 45	44⅞	Reys Tob B 37½	36½
Com & Sth 1½	1½	Richfield 7⅞	8
Cons Edis 29½	29½	Safeway 47½	47⅞
Cons Oil 7	7	Schenley 11½	11⅝
Cont Can 42	43½	Sears Roeb 82⅝	83
Cont Oil 24	23⅞	Shell U Oil 12	12
Copwld St 16½	16½	Soc-Vac 11⅝	11⅝
Corn Prod 62⅝	63	Sthrn. Pac 14⅝	15
Curtis Wr 10⅜	10⅝	Sthrn. Rly 33⅞	33⅝
" A 28½	28⅝	Sperry 45	45½
Deere & Co 23⅞	23½	Spicer *32½	*32½
Dist Cpn S 16½	16½	Std Brands 5½	5⅝
Douglas 80½	80⅝	Std C & B 2½	2
Du Pont 179⅝	178	Std Oil of C 24½	24⅝
Eag P Lead 11½	11½	S O of N J 43½	43½
Eaton Mfg 29½	29⅝	Stone & W 11½	11⅝
Elc A Lite 37	37½	Studebaker 9	9½
Elec B & S 7½	7⅝	Swift Int 32½	32
" $5 pfd 58⅝	58⅞	Technicor †13⅝	13
" $6 pfd 67½	67½	Tex Cpn 43½	43⅝
E P & Lt 30	30½	Tex Gulf 32	32½
Flintkote 20½	20½	Transamer 5⅞	6
Gen Am Tr 55	55	Tw Cent F 11½	11⅞
Gen Elec 39⅞	40½	T C F pfd 23	23⅞
Gen Motor 54	54	Un Carbide 87½	87½
Gen Rly Sig 18½	18	Un Pacific 96	95½
Gen T & R 21½	21⅞	Un Aircraft 45⅝	46
Glidden 17	17⅞	Un Air L 15	14⅞
Goodrich 19⅝	19⅝	Un Corpn 2⅜	2⅜
" $5 pfd. 65	64½	" $3 pfd 37⅞	38½
Goodyear 23⅝	23⅝	Un Gas 1½	1½
G N I Ore 17⅝	17½	Un G Imp 14½	14½
G N Rly 26½	27½	U S Ind Al 22⅝	*21½
Gt W Sugar 29	28⅝	U S Rubber 40⅝	40⅞
Greyhound 16⅝	16½	" 8% pfd 110½	111⅛
Herc Pow 88⅝	88½	U S Steel 67	67
Homestake 59⅞	59½	Vanadium 33½	34
Int Harv *61½	61½	Walworth 5½	5⅞
Int Nickel 36½	36⅝	War Br Pic 3⅜	3⅜
Int T & T 4	4	West Elec 116	117
Johns Man 74	74½	Woodward 23½	23½

BONDS

Amer. & For.	61¼	61¾
Baltimore & Ohio	26½	26¼
Brazil (U.S. of) 8% 1941	17⅛	18½
Brazil " " 6½% 1957	13⅞	14⅛
Cities Serv.	92¾	92
New Eng. Gas & Elec.	69¼	68½
Erie R.R. 6s 1967	15⅛	15
Int. Tel. & Tel.	42	42
Republic of Colombia	33	33
Republic of Colombia	33⅞	32¼
Sthrn. Pacific Co.	46⅜	46¼
Stan. Gas & Elec.	66½	B 66½

*—Bid. †—Ex. Div.

Dow-Jones Summary

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Stock prices recovered irregularly today on a slightly better volume than that of yesterday. Most market leaders recorded small advances while a few showed more than fractional gains. The utility industry was featured in the news, with electricity output listed at a record high, exceeding 2,600,000,000 kilowatt hours for last week. Electricity production for the present year will break all records for the industry, according to the latest available figures. Steels, automobiles and rails ruled mostly firm.

British Imports Show Increase in November

London, Dec. 20.

The November returns for overseas trade, published by the Board of Trade today, show a remarkable recovery from the first shock of war conditions. Imports last month totalled £84,000,000, being an increase of over £20,000,000 on the previous month and an increase of £6,000,000 on November last year.

Exports are placed at £37,360,000, registering a gain of £12,737,000 on October, and a decrease of only a little over £5,500,000 compared with November 1938. Re-exports totalled £2,375,000 being £750,000 over October, though £2,369,000 down on last year's figure.—Reuter.

U.S. Electricity Output

New York, Dec. 20.

Production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended December 16 totalled 2,605,000,000 kilowatt hours, according to the weekly statement of the Edison Electric Institute published today.

This indicated a gain of 11.6 per cent. over the corresponding week last year, when the output totalled 2,333,000,000 kilowatt hours. Electricity output during the previous week totalled 2,586,000,000 kilowatt hours, showing an increase of 11.5 per cent. over the corresponding week of last year.—Reuter.

London Silver Market

London, Dec. 20.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Company, in their weekly bullion letter, write:

The result of the decision to consider applications for licenses to import silver into India was the demand for silver in New York during the past week. London silver prices were little changed. Demand from Indian Bazaars was well in evidence yesterday, and this was met by sales of Indian Government silver.—Reuter.

London Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, Dec. 20.

Prices on the London Stock Exchange closed quietly firm today after earlier irregularity, induced by small profit-taking sales.—Reuter.

	Dec. 19	20
War Loan 3½% (Red.)	£92 5/8	92⅜
JAPANESE BONDS		
Japan 5% Stg. Loan 1907	48½	49½
Japan 6% Stg. Loan 1924	55	56
	Osaka, Dec. 21.	
Kogo 5%		Y.105.43
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL		
Allied Ironfounders	14/6	14/6
Armstrong Stevens	6/-	/-
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	38/10½	38/9
Austin Motors, ord.	17/-*	16/10½
Bristol Aeroplane	14/3	14/1½
British American Tob.	91/3	91/10½
Cable & W., new form	56½	56¼
Cammell Laird, ord.	6/6	6/7½
Courtaulds	36/6	36/7½
Distillers	66/6	66/7½
Dunlop Rubber	29/9	30/0
General Elec. (Eng.)	75/-	74/9
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	78/-	78/6
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	15/7½	15/4½
Imp. Chem. Indus.	28/7½	29/-
Imp. Tobacco	118/1½	118/9
Leyland Motors	87/6	87/6
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	52/3	52/3
Pressed Steel, com.	14/-	14/-
Rolls-Royce	93/9	93/9
Smethwick Drop Foreigns	13/6	13/6
Tate & Lyle	57/-	57/-
Turner & Newall	65/7½	66/-
United Steel	20/9	20/9
Vickers, ord.	16/3	16/3
Woolworths	62/3	61/10½
MISCELLANEOUS		
Anglo Dutch	27/3	27/3
Rubber Ultn. Inv. Trust	34/1½	34/1½
MINES		
Burma Corp.	12/-	11/9
Commonwealth Min.	Unq.	Unq
Marsman Invests.	14/6	15/-
Randfontein Ests.	38/6	38/9
Sub-Nigel	200/-	200/-
Tanami Gold Min.	3d	3d
Western Holdings	10/6	10/6
OILS		
Anglo-Iranian	53/9	53/9
Burmah	61/3	61/3
Mexican Eagle	6/4½	6/6
Shell Trans. & Trad.	81/3	80/-

*—Ex Bonus.

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.

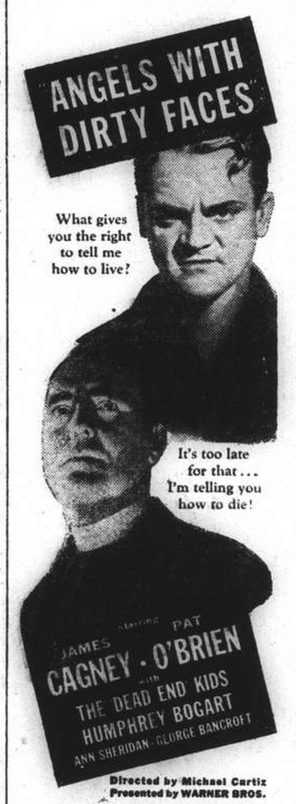
4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£55	55
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	47	47
4½% Anglo-French Loan,	45	45
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	25	25
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	34	35
6% Stg. Notes, 1925	12	12
5% Honan Rly., 1905	15	15
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	17	17
5% " " (Ger. Is)	16	16
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	14	14
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	18	18
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	14	14
5% " " G.	14	14
5% " " (Supl. Loan) B.	14	14
5% " " (Supl. Loan) G.	14	14
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	17	17
S'hai Elec. Construction	13/-	13/-
S'hai Waterworks "A"	12	12
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	23½	23½
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	8¼	8¼
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	82	82
" " (Col. Reg.)	84½	84½
Mercantile Bank of India	11⅝	11⅝
Chinese Eng. & Min.	17/-	17/-
Chosen Corp.	6/6	6/6
Pekin Syndicate	1/6	1/6
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	23/1½	23/1½

Sungala Rubber Output For November

The output of dry rubber from the Sungala Rubber Estate for the month of November was 26,900 lbs.

Ayer Tawah November Output

The output of dry rubber from the Estate of the Ayer Tawah Rubber Plantation Co., Ltd. for the month of November was 38,500 lbs.



New York Silver Advances Further

Indian Merchants Said Hoarding Bars

New York, Dec. 20.

Today's further advance of one cent in the New York official price for silver was caused by heavy speculative buying by India and, to a lesser degree, by London, according to local banking circles.

Messrs. Handy and Harman's official price for New York bar silver was listed today at 36⅛ cents, compared with yesterday's level of 35⅛ cents.

Confused by European war trends, Indian merchants are reported to be converting their currencies into silver bars for hoarding.—Reuter.

Rubber Outputs

The following is a list of output from the various estate for the month of November, 1939:

	lb.
Padang Rubber Co., Ltd.	27,600
Consolidated Rubber Estates (1914) Ltd.	74,391
S'hai Kedah Plantations, Ltd.	47,110
Bute Plantations (1913), Ltd.	57,850
Tanah Merah Estate (1916) Ltd.	81,000
Dominion Rubber Co., Ltd.	47,424
S'hai Pahang Rubber Estate, Ltd.	34,935
Sungei Duri Rubber Estate, Ltd.	46,500
Kota Bahroe Rubber Estates (1921), Ltd.	52,847

Messrs. J. A. Wattie & Co., Ltd. Secretaries of the undermentioned Estates inform us that the output of Rubber from the Estates during the month of November was as follows:

The Alma Estates, Ltd.	34,288
The Batu Anam (Johore) Rubber Estates, Ltd.	55,900
The Chemor United Rubber Co., Ltd.	55,479
The Cheng Rubber Estates, Ltd.	24,485
The Kapayang Rubber Estates, Co., Ltd.	no tapping
The Repah Rubber and Tapioca Estates, Ltd.	37,596
The Rubber Trust, Ltd.	124,403
The Semambu Rubber Est., Ltd.	25,057
The Samagaga Rubber Co., Ltd.	37,100
The Senawang Rubber Estates Co., (1921) Ltd.	47,300
The S'hai Malay Rubber Estates, Ltd.	41,982
The S'hai Seremban Rubber Estates, Ltd.	17,500
The Sua Manggis Rub. Co., Ltd.	16,000
The Tebong Rubber Estates, Ltd.	93,983

Mercury Price Advances

London, Dec. 21.

The mercury cartel yesterday jumped the price of mercury from U.S.$123 per flask, f.o.b. Spanish and Italian ports, to U.S.$150, the highest since the Great War.—United Press.

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ms. SORHOLT	Dec. 30	Jan. 19	Jan. 22	Feb. 15	Feb. 18	Feb. 21
ms. REINHOLT	Jan. 27	Feb. 15	Feb. 18	Mar. 13	Mar. 16	Mar. 19
ms. DONA ANICETA	Feb. 18	Mar. 11	Mar. 14	Apr. 6	Apr. 9	Apr. 12

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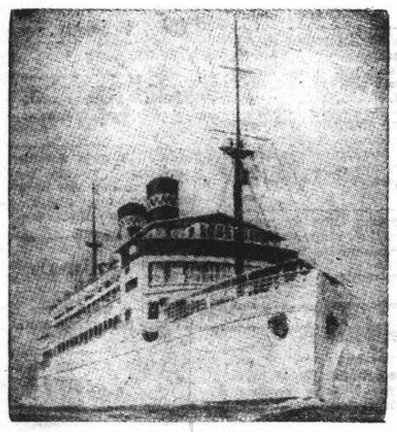

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On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From LISBON
Torrens 10/12 20/1

From TRIESTE
Cortellazzo 28/10 24/12
Fusijama 21/11 10/1
C. Verde 21/12 17/1

From KARACHI
Fusijama 16/12 10/1

From SINGAPORE
Cortelazzo 6/12 24/12

From SOERABAYA
Tjitjalengka 8/12 25/12
Tjisadane 22/12 9/1

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below.

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK
Vigrid 10/10 25/12
M. Maersk 10/11 26/12
L. Maersk 25/11 10/1
A. Maersk 9/12 24/1

From LOS ANGELES
M. Maersk 1/12 26/12
P. Coolidge 11/12 2/1
L. Maersk 16/12 10/1

From SAN FRANCISCO
P. Coolidge 17/12 2/1

From NAGASAKI
Nagasaki M. 22/12 23/12

From KEELUNG
Hukuken M. 23/12 25/12

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN
Boissevain 15/11 23/12
Tegelberg 15/12 22/1

From DURBAN
Tegelberg 21/12 22/1

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN
Hoten M. 22/12 24/12

From HONGKONG
Boissevain 21/12 23/12
Tjitjalengka 20/12 25/12

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For LIVERPOOL
Hakone Maru 28/12
Kasima Maru 5/1

For GENOA
C. B'camano 22/12
C. Verde 21/1

For OSLO
Tai Ping 25/12

For CAPETOWN
Boissevain 25/12

For CALCUTTA
Delagoa Maru 23/12

For JAVA
Tjitjalengka 28/12

For MANILA
P. Coolidge 3/1

For NEW YORK
G. Maersk 1/1
Nagara Maru 8/1
H. Maersk 15/1

For San FRANCISCO
P. Pierce 1/1
P. Coolidge 16/1
P. Taft 29/1

For YOKOHAMA
Hakozaki Maru 30/12

For KOBE
Taiyo Maru 23/12
Taiyo Maru 2/1

For NAGASAKI
Shanghai Maru 22/12
Nagasaki Maru 24/12
Shanghai Maru 27/1

For DAIREN
Dairen Maru 23/12
Hoten Maru 26/12
Tsingtao Maru 29/12

Vessels Leaving (cont.)

SOUTH CHINA COAST

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SUNDAY, December 24.			
Hongkong Canton and Aust. N.Z.		19.00	19.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for Straits, Gt. Britain and other countries, closes at 12.00 on 23rd.
X Provisional time—subject to alterations.
Next parcel mail for U.S.A. closes on December 30.

Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service per steamer on December 22, at 10 a.m. for registered and at 11 a.m. for ordinary due London on January 3.
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Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—
Per steamer via Suez, Dec. 22, due L'don Jan. 20.
Per steamer via Suez, Dec. 25, due L'don Jan. 27.
Per steamer Pacific, Dec. 31, due London Jan. 31.

Weather, Time and Tide

Friday, December 22, 1939 (11th day of 11th moon)	SICCAWEI Dec. 20 16.00	Dec. 20 21.00	Dec. 21 4.00	Dec. 21 9.00
Barometer inches	30.38	30.42	30.41	30.40
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.01	+0.02	+0.03	—0.02
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	0.00	0.00	+0.03	—0.02
Wind (direction)	E/S	E	ESE	E
" (miles per hour)	10.6	10.6	6.2	8.7
Temperature (Fahr.)	51.1°	41.7°	44.8°	52.9°
Humidity %	61	89	92	70
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	8	0	7	0
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report December 20	Mean 1939	24 hrs. variation	66 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.40	—0.03	30.33
Temp. Min. 33.°6 Max. 60.°1	46.°8	+5.°8	40.°8
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	47.08	—	44.22

Time and Tide	22/12	23/12	24/12	25/12	26/12
Sun rises at Shanghai ..	6.48	6.49	6.49	6.50	6.50
Sun sets at Shanghai....	16.56	16.56	16.56	16.57	16.57
Moon rises at Shanghai ..	13.42	14.24	15.12	16.04	17.02
Moon sets at Shanghai..	2.20	3.17	4.15	5.13	6.11
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	7.17	7.58	8.40	9.22	10.01
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	13.10	13.54	14.22	14.53	15.30
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	9.25	10.00	10.45	11.35	12.15
Ht. above LLW. (feet) ..	7.40	7.98	8.60	—	7.32

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ss. DAIREN MARU	Dec. 21	Dec. 23 at 9 a.m.
ss. HOTEN MARU	Dec. 24	Dec. 26 at 9 a.m.
ss. TSINGTAO MARU	Dec. 27	Dec. 29 at 9 a.m.
ss. DAIREN MARU	Dec. 30	Jan. 2 at 9 a.m.
ss. HOTEN MAIU	Jan. 1	Jan. 4 at 9 a.m.
ss. TSINGTAO MARU	Jan. 5	Jan. 7 at 9 p.m.

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ms. BOISSEVAIN	From Shanghai	Dec.	25, 1939
	From Hongkong	Jan.	4, 1940*
ms. TEGELBERG	From Shanghai	Jan.	24, 1940
	From Hongkong	Feb.	1, 1940

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Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Taiyo M.	Japan	T.K.K.
Sui Tai	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Hwamin	Hsinkong	Win Fo
Anwoo	T'lungkong	Dong Shing
H. Kiangnan	T'senkong	Foo Hwa
Daiya M.	Japan	N.Y.K.
Sandro Sandri	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Shanghai M.	Japan	T.K.K.
Bonho	Hsinkong	Dong Shing
Liesel	T'lungkong	Chin Dah
Kiangting	T'lungkong	Foo Hwa
Dairen M.	Dairen	D.K.K.
Tembien	Ningpo	C.I.N.
Romolo	Liuho Point	V. Chieri
Taiko M. 18	Hsinkong	T.K.K.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Romolo	Ital.	V. Chieri
Chingning M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Nantung	Jap.	T.K.K.
Talisman	Nor.	Dodwell
Sanko M.	Jap.	M.B.K.
Kowa M.	Jap.	M.S.K.
Taityu M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
H. Kiangnan	Ger.	Foo Hwa
Jun M.	Jap.	K.U.K.
Com. Paolini	Ital.	I.C.R.N.
Tjibadak	Neth.	J.C.J.L.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
Marblehead	Am.	Cr.	B.N.B.
Oahu	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
Piegon 6	Am.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
Lepanto	Itl.	Gbt.	J.N.B.

THE Dionne Quins, who are now five and a half years old, know nothing about the war, and it will be kept from them altogether if Dr. Allan Dafoe has his way. Speaking of the Quinns Dr. Dafoe described Yvonne as the leader of the gang and said she always insisted on taking a front seat. Emilie is always looking for trouble, while Marie tries to win sympathy by looking sad, Annette and Cecile, whom it is difficult to tell apart, are the prettiest. The Quins are still kept in virtual seclusion, though they now play with the younger of their seven brothers and sisters.

H.M.S. Exeter's Gallant Action

Despite Havoc of Graf Spee's Heavier Shells Ship Fights On

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 20.

Wednesday, December 13, the day of the battle off the Rio de la Plate, was a cloudless day, calm and with perfect visibility, according to an account of the action between H.M.S. Exeter (8,390 tons) and the German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee (10,000 tons), which has reached England from a Colonial governor.

The Exeter, in company with H.M.S. Ajax (6,840 tons) and H.M.S. Archilles (7,030 tons), sighted the battleship which was believed to be the Admiral von Scheer throughout the action. The German vessel spotted the high mast of the Exeter soon after six o'clock and opened fire at about 12½ miles. The Exeter returned the fire, the vessels steaming parallel.

The first salvo from the German 11-inch guns fell short. The second fell directly astern. The third and fourth missed, but the fifth scored a hit and the seventh a direct hit. The impact of a shell on the forward turret killed outright eight out of 15 men of the crew of Royal Marines, and made havoc of the bridge immediately above.

Shot for Shot Returned

The Exeter closed in, receiving three or four more hits from 11-inch shells and coming under fire from the Graf Spee's 5.9 inch guns. She returned shot for shot till only one 8-inch gun could be fired, and that by hand.

Numerous shells which fell alongside riddled the ship's side and upper works on bursting. The steering gear was damaged just after seven o'clock, and for the following 45 minutes the captain steered by the boat-compass from the after-control just forward of the mainmast.

Through a chain of some ten sailors, directions were conveyed from man to man to the after steering-wheel and engine room until the ship was no longer serviceable as a fighting unit and fell out of action. Numerous fires broke out on board but were kept under control by the gallant men hurling burning material into the sea. The intrepid and cool officers and men were, one and all, super, in the opinion of the captain.—Wireless through Reuter.

Chinese Woman Shot by Armed Robbers

A Chinese woman pedestrian was robbed of her gold ring valued at $80 and shot in the thigh Wednesday at about 9.30 p.m. in Jessfield Road. Two gunmen waylaid her and stole the ring but before they had run to a safe distance the woman cried for help, whereupon the men shot her. She was lying in St. Elizabeth's Hospital last night in a serious condition. Two other armed robberies were reported last night also in the Bubbling Well district shortly before 8 o'clock. A man was robbed of his overcoat and watch valued altogether at $120 while walking in Hardoon Road. Another victim was waylaid by four men in Lane 1699 Bubbling Well Road and relieved of his pocket money amounting to $16.

Indian Committed For Trial in H. M. Court

Chainchal Singh who was arrested by detectives attached to Yulin Road Police Station on November 11, under suspicion of having committed an unnatural offence, was committed for trial by Mr. C. H. Haines, H. M. Registrar in H. M. Police Court yesterday afternoon. Mr. E. T. Maitland appeared for the accused and bail was renewed. Mr. P. Watkin-Williams appeared for the prosecution.

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British Employment Statistics

On November 13, the numbers of unemployed persons on the registers of Employment Exchanges in Great Britain were 1,213,345 wholly unemployed, 135,233 temporarily stopped, and 54,010 normally in casual employment, making a total of 1,402,588. This was 28,050 less than the number on the registers on October 16, and 425,515 less than on November 14, 1938. The total on November 13, 1939, comprised 897,061 men, 40,460 boys, 405,175 women and 59,892 girls.

There were reductions, between October 16 and November 13 in the numbers of unemployed in coal mining, engineering, metal goods manufacture, motor vehicle, cycle and aircraft manufacture, the principal textile industries, boot and shoe manufacture, the transport and distributive trades, the fishing industry and the entertainment, sport etc. industries. On the other hand, there were increases in the numbers of unemployed in the building industry, agriculture and horticulture, tailoring, hat and cap making, and local government service.

New York Market Recovers

New York, Dec. 20.

Prices on the New York Stock Exchange staged an irregular recovery today as volume increased slightly. Optimists on Wall Street contended that the performance of stocks during the past four sessions has been favourable and anticipate a year-end raise. They did not predict how it would develop, but pointed out that the minute the market gets going there will be a great number of traders ready to step in and take a flier for quick profit.

Bears, however, point out the lack of buying power and the lack of speculative interest and foresee only a decline with intermediate rallies each of which will end more quickly than its predecessor.

Most leader showed small gains today and a few specials advanced more than a point. Motors were firm and tires showed small gains. Aviations were firm and rails were steady. Utilities showed only slight response to the record electricity output report.

Coppers were about steady. Shippings, tobaccos, chemicals, amusements and communications were higher.—United Press.

South Manchuria R. R. Said Making Profits

Mukden, Dec. 21.

Revenue of the South Manchuria Railway, reportedly the largest railway corporation in the world, will exceed Y.900,000,000 at the end of March, the concluding month of the corporation's fiscal year, it was estimated today.

The estimate was based on figures on revenue from April 1 to Dec. 20. During that period the corporation obtained Y.320,000,000 in passenger and freight revenues. By the end of the corporation's fiscal year this was expected to be increased by about $.100,000,000.

In addition, the corporation was expected to gross more than Y.500,000,000 from harbour dues and the operation of hotels and other affiliated travel organizations.—Domei.

Hongkong Foreign Trade Decreases

Hongkong, Dec. 21.

Hongkong's foreign trade during November decreased compared to figures for November last year, according to an official report released today.

Imports amounted to Hk.$48,900,000, an 8.8 per cent. decrease from the corresponding month last year. Exports totalled Hk.$39,800,000, a 3.9 per cent. decline.

Trade with Britain and France showed a sharp decrease, while that with Japan and America made further increases. Imports from Japan totalled Hk.$2,300,000, compared with Hk.$1,400,000 in November last year. Exports to Japan amounted to Hk.$70,000. In November, 1938 exports to Japan totalled Hk.$30,000.—Domei.

Japanese to Work Coal In Saghalien

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

Promoters of the proposed Saghalien Coal Mining Company will meet here tomorrow to discuss organization methods.

The projected company was expected to operate in the vicinity of Chinnai and Nairo in southern Saghalien, where about 100,000,000 tons of coal were believed to be deposited. The company will have a capital of Y.10,000,000. Stock will be held by the Japanese Power Distribution Company.

Mr. Takeaki Ono, Vice-President of the Japan Power Distribution Company, was slated to be the head of the proposed company.

Self-sufficiency in coal for use in generating electricity was being sought by the Japan Power Distribution Company in forming the new concern.—Domei.

U.S. Crude Oil Production

New York, Dec. 20.

The American Petroleum Institute of New York, in its weekly report issued today, estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production for the week ended December 16 totalled 3,866,000 barrels.

This represents a gain of 39,000 barrels over the last week, and an increase of 590,000 barrels over the corresponding week last year. The daily average output for the week ended December 9 was placed at 3,827,000 barrels.—Reuter.

Indian Sentenced For Snatching

Kardan Singh pleaded guilty before Mr. C. H. Haines, H. M. Registrar in H. M. Police Court yesterday afternoon to having snatched a hand-bag belonging to a Chinese lady at 4.20 p.m. on Wednesday at the corner of Yu Ya Ching and Bubbling Well Roads. He was sentenced to three months' hard labour. The bag which was valued at $60, contained $70 in bank-notes and the property was seized at the time of the arrest of the accused.

Positions Vacant

Do not enclose original testimonials when replying to advertisements. Copies answer the same purpose.

CHINESE girl typist wanted, good English, fast, accurate, part time work, afternoon, evening. Box 5430, NCDN. -10265

WANTED agents (English, Russian, Chinese) introduced to pharmacies and department stores, for special first-quality, sanitation article. Apply Chemical Works, Box 5440, NCDN. -10288

ENGLISH-speaking Chinese salesman wanted by local foreign import firm. Applicants must be well-acquainted with local trade in imported chemicals for all purposes, have good connections with local consumers, and must have been in that line before. Reply with particulars re former employment, age, etc. Box 5419, NCDN. -10239

WANTED, experienced English-speaking Chinese candy salesgirl under 25, for immediate employment. Apply in person with references to Tricolore, 212 Nanking Road. -10260

A NINE months correspondence course in Bookkeeping is more effective than several years of class tuition. Elementary and advanced courses. Easy payments in Sh.$. Text books free. British School of Accountancy, 264, Kiangse Road, Telephone 14967. Principal, J. Webster Watts (Chartered Accountant). -8958

WANTED, expert assistant photographer. Fully experienced in all branches. Also outside salesman and lady-typist for high-class studio. Address Box 5296, NCDN. -10095

CHINESE salesman wanted with good connections to best Chinese private circles; commission and expenses paid. Address Box 5359, NCDN. -10101

WANTED for hospital, caterer having experience with service of European and Chinese foods. Address Box 5412, NCDN. -10235

EXCELLENT position open for capable dentist with English license or equivalent qualifications. American training would even further prospects. J. G. Hanna, D.D.S., F.I.C.D., Hongkong Bank Chambers, Singapore, S.S. 13011

Positions Wanted

Advertisements under this heading only are accepted at the rate of five dollar cents per word per insertion, with a minimum charge of $0.80.

YOUNG lady seeks position as typist. Has knowledge of office routine and French. Box 5428, NCDN. -10255

WELL-educated, experienced lady secretary-stenographer, fast and accurate, with sound knowledge of bookkeeping, seeks immediate employment. Address Box 5438, NCDN. -10280

ACCOUNTANT, Chinese, highly qualified, good organizer, eighteen years' executive experience. Excellent references. Salary expected $250. Post Office Box 1831. -10298

HOTEL Manager well-known hotelman in the East, Netherlands Indies, Japan and China for many years, open for engagement. Age 48, total abstainer. Nationality neutral. Speaks English, French, German, Japanese and Dutch. Best of references. Address Box 5354, NCDN. -10086

FIGUEIREDO'S School of shorthand and typewriting. Progressive, painstaking, thorough, irreproachable. 54 Garden Apartments, 1173/11 Bubbling Well. 12604

A LADY gives Russian lessons for Chinese and foreigners. Replies Box 5372, NCDN. -10189

WELL-educated Chinese, 34, 14 years' experience in general office work, seeks position in any capacity. Excellent references. Moderate salary. Address Zee, 685/121 Tongshan Road. -10227

YOUNG, experienced stenotypist with good knowledge of French, English languages, seeks position. Address Box 5393, NCDN. -10176

MARRIED man, 20 years experience import, export, steamship companies as stenographer, accountant, chief-clerk, department head, desires employment, willing accept $550. Address Box 5400, NCDN. -10191

WELL-known foreigner, 25 years resident, good appearance, wishes to become exchange or stock broker's assistant, speaks four languages fluently including Chinese, quick at figures, familiar with exchanges and all round office and banking experiences. Please address Box 5389, NCDN. -10164

Business Opportunities

IMPORTERS of modern foreign patent medical products, desire to secure services of compradore with good connections and considerable experience in this line. Please state curriculum vitae and terms. Post Office Box 825. -10295

REPRESENTATIVES and commission agents (every line) for Hongkong, wanted by energetic merchants with good connections there. Box 5420, NCDN. -10241

WHICH bar would sublet tiffin tables? Only French Concession or Settlement. Address Box 5386, NCDN. -10159

TRADE enquiries, financial status reports, insurance (all classes). Clarkes Agency, 88 Nanking Road, Telephone 10092. 13667

ARMOURED cars with armed foreign guards, for transporting treasure, Clarkes Agency, 88 Nanking Road, Telephone 10092. 13663

Educational

AMERICAN requires lessons in commercial Spanish. Address Box 5431, NCDN. 13064

WANTED, Japanese lessons for a young Japanese lady. Please write to Box 5436, NCDN. -10277

GERMAN and mathematic lessons by experienced German teacher. Address Box 5417, NCDN. -10155

Offices, Shops, Godowns

ONE steamheated, furnished office room, central district, immediate occupation. Reply Box 5435, NCDN. -10276

WANTED, small office with separate entrance. Settlement. Address Box 5416, NCDN. -10181

WANTED to rent immediately half office space, preferably ground-floor and if possible on either Kiangse or Szechuen Road. Other parts no objection. Address Box 5374, NCDN. -10142

TO LET, Ste. Anne Building, 25 Rue du Consulat, office rooms. Apply 34, third floor. -9980

For Sale—Miscellaneous

EXPERT workmanship, reasonable prices, orders taken, shirts, pyjamas, etc. Also frayed underwear skilfully renovated. Shanghai Shirt Pyjama Hospital, established 1934 (Foreign). 749 Bubbling Well Road. -10264

DINING-room suite, hardwood, modern design, condition as new, consisting eleven pieces, reasonable. No dealers. Telephone 60578. 13064

BARGAIN sale of latest styles of folding Singer sewing-machines and a vacuum-cleaner, at reasonable prices. 138 Hamilton House. -10266

ENSIGN 2¼-in. x 3¼-in. roll-film Reflex camera F-4.5 and Telephoto lenses. Sell for $150 or best offer or exchange for model railway, radio or binoculars. Box 5437, NCDN. -10279

FOR SALE, three slot machines, good condition, low price. Address Box 5434, NCDN. -10272

LADY'S platinum wrist watch with 42 diamonds, for sale. US$65 or nearest offer. Address Box 5421, NCDN. -10244

AU Bébé Chic, 977 Avenue Joffre. Christmas occasions, everything cheap sale; children's woollen costumes, coats, hats, stockings, gloves. Ladies' Paris coats, dresses, veils, scarves. Beautiful hand-decorated porcelain objects, Emaux de Longwin, founded 1808 during Napoleon I reign. Original Parisian dinner sets: fish, games, oysters, asparagus, etc. -10262

BEAUTIFUL collection Japanese ivory for sale, Hamilton House, Room 625. On view from 5 to 7. -10281

RICE, best quality, $5, 19 lb, Sardines, $1, 5 tins. Crabs, $1.10. Cocoa, $1.70 lb. Jam 3 tins $1. Condensed milk $1, two tins. Pineapple $1, two tins. Many others. Zimmerman's, 215 Szechuen Road, Telephone 13233. -10232

BEAUTIFUL Persian lamb coat, for sale. Aja, 171 Route Winling, Picardie Building. -10305

FIRST-class vacuum-cleaner, $85, 220 volt. Weinmann, 2 Nanking Road, Sassoon House, Room 248. -10304

FOR SALE, second-hand slot-machine in good condition. Price $625 or nearest offer. Telephone 15994 between 3/4 p.m. -10301

DINNER-service (Hutschenreuter), floral design, for six persons, for sale privately. Low price. Cohn, 343/47 Ward Road, Samples submitted. -10290

INDO-China anthracite slack coal unscreened, good for heating, price $57 per ton. Kitchen soft lump coal, price $78 per ton ex yard and Hongay nuts. Briquettes (eggs) coal the price depends on quantity. French Russian Coal Corporation and Briquettes Factory, 600 Avenue Foch (corner Yates Road). -10297

FOR SALE, privately, fur stole, middle-sized, typewriter; portable gramophone; easy armchair. Telephone 52102. No dealers. -10287

VERY handsome, black, Persian claw mantle for ladies as new, for sale privately. Low price. On view Saturday and Sunday. Dortheimer, 805/5 East Seward Road. -10289

VISIT us and you will find all things you like at Emigrant Sellers, 726 East Seward Road. -10083

ONE genuine pure ivory mahjongg set. Large tiles, as used by foreigners. Please telephone 70548 from 1-2 p.m. or after 7 p.m. 13060

LEICA model II, F3.5, $800. Zeiss binoculars 8 x 24, $300. Both brand-new. Address Box 5426, NCDN. -10251

BUSCH binocular for sale. 2 Peking Road, Room 315. -10254

RARE occasion. Fieldglass, brand new, 8 x 30, Deltrintem, $475. Photo Zeiss Ikon F3:5, $295. Weinmann, Room 248 Sassoon House, Nanking Road. -10257

SECONDHAND furniture store. Buying and selling, new and secondhand furniture and household effects, etc. Feiner, 306 Rue Bourgeat, Telephone 73597. -9340

LATEST Christmas records. Robinson Piano Co., 276 Kiangse Road, Telephone 10868. 13003

JUST unpacked! English pure woollen shirtings. Shirts made to measure. Razons, Shirt Specialists, 12 Central Road. 12753

BARGAIN. American dresses sold below cost. From $12. Esso Company, 452 Kiangse Road, Telephone 12170. -9152

MAGNIFICENT Chinese screen 12 blackwood and silk panels. Palace piece. US$750. Address Box 5405, NCDN. 13039

SAINT Germain Series. Unveiled Mysteries, The Magic Presence, "I'm" Discourses, "I'm" Adoratious and Affirmatious. Original price US$8.75, now for $55. Radio Stewart Warner, all waves, for $250. Apply to 437 Rue Ratard, Apartment 4-B. -10192

SACRIFICE $975, diamond brooch set in diamond chips, from private party. View 867 Avenue Joffre, Ilitovitch Jewellery Store. -10231

SMALL girl's bicycle and an imported scooter with pneumatic tyres. Telephone 71550. -10202

TELESCOPE with stand by Negretti and Zambra high and low lens with case, $300. Also 8 X binoculars with case, $50. Address Box 5407, NCDN. -10213

DOLL'S set comprising imported perambulator, bed and chest of drawers, $40. Address Box 5408, NCDN. -10213

PRE-CHRISTMAS sale. Rare opportunity, dresses and hats. Artificial pearls, ornaments, stockings. Room 41 Central Arcade, 3rd. floor. -10224

BARGAIN. Contax, Retina, cine camera with projector. Samovar; writing table set, genuine onyx; two used field-glasses and other things. General Magazine, 337 Avenue Haig. -10206

BRITISH lady has for sale, exquisite banquet cloth, $200 or nearest offer. Mrs. Fisher, Telephone 75433. -10195

KODAK Retina II, new, lens 3. Bargain $500. 133 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Room 712, 9-10 a.m., 2-3 p.m. -10199

CONTAX II lens 1:2 brand new, $1,350. 133 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Room 712, 9-10 a.m., 2-3 p.m. -10199

CHRISTMAS offers. Zenith radio, model 701, 5-tube, Superheterodyne, a.c./d.c., 110/220 volts, $120. Ica camera, 15-cm., 9 x 10, Zeiss-Tessar F/4.5, $125. Both in good condition. Address 1124/15 Sinza Road. -10183

CONTAX III new 1.5 with Sonnar lens F2, 8.5 cm. Bargain sale, no brokers. Box 5397, NCDN. -10187

WANTED to rent, furnished room near Bund. Telephone 87801. -10178

LADY'S Persian lamb coat, best quality, new fashion, middle-sized. 150 Route des Soeurs, Apartment 1. -10179

SALE. Gold, silver, silk, laces chiffon stockings, half prices. 660 Avenue Joffre, opposite Massenet, Ivanovich. -9897

For Sale—Miscellaneous

FOR SALE, Persian lamb coat, an exceptionally fine quality. Apply "For You", 1017 Avenue Joffre. -10159

ZEISS-Ikon super movie camera (Movikon) 16 mm. F:1.4 lens, 3 colour filters, 3 close-up lenses, leather case. The camera which is priced in the United States at US$385 is capable of taking moving or still photographs. It has self-timing gear, range-finder and other devices. Price US$250. For fuller description address Box 5362, NCDN. 13016

BEAUTIFUL crystalware, dinner sets, porcelain figures, oil paintings, ivory miniature, etc. 421 Avenue Roi Albert, Apartment 5. -10188

FOR SALE, used Leica camera model II, exposure meter. Address Box 5365, NCDN. -10115

DIAMOND wrist watch, (lady's) and silver-foxes for sale. Telephone 12859 between 12 noon and 6 p.m. May be seen by appointment. Brokers not required. -10122

FOR SALE. Zeiss Ikon camera, 1.6,3 F=7,5 c.c. In leather case. Almost new. $90. Telephone 30859. 13027

SECONDHAND telegraph code, Acme, Bentley's, Hsin-Ming Kungche's and large selection of books for sale. Cheap. Great China Secondhand Book Store, Room 117, 1st. floor, 429 Kiukiang Road. -10097

ALL woollen travelling rugs for sale in assorted designs @ $25 each, cash. Quantity discounts by arrangement. H. C. Dixon & Son Ltd. Lane 126/10 Szechuen Road. 12993

SMALL cups, porcelain, figures, dinner and tea-sets, crystals, oil paintings, etc. for Christmas gifts. All bargains from emigrant's property. Come to Hongkew and your purchase is satisfactory. Martin Futter, Wolff & Cohn, 912 East Seward Road, House 11. Sunday open. 12988

CONTAX camera IIA, for sale, cheap. New. 390 North Soochow Road, Shop. -9811

NICK'S Secondhand Furniture Shop. We pay best price for furniture, carpets, pianos, frigidaires and household effects. Telephone 73937, 146A Route des Soeurs, 3 inside. -8783

USEFUL presents. Shirts ready-made from $6.50. Shirts made to measure English material from $12.50. Flanelette pyjamas from $9.50. Pure silk ties from $5.50. Pure woollen jerseys from $9.80. Razon's, 12 Central Road. 12919

LEICA Sixtus exposure meter, $100, Zeiss Silvaren 6 x 30 fieldglass, $380. Box 5394, NCDN. -10160

WHEN you think of paint, think of Campbell. -9909

APPLIQUE towels, 50 cents; laundry bags, $2.30; georgette handkerchiefs, 50 cents; babies' aprons, $1.10. Latest laces and linen embroideries and handkerchiefs retailed below export prices. Lace & Linen Syndicate, 114 Peking Road. 12970

RARE old Meissen porcelain figures, bronze statues, famous oil paintings, nice crystalware, tea and dinner sets, etc. 12 Rue du Consulat, Apartment 501 near Bund, telephone 87801. -9705

KOREAN apples arriving weekly direct from Chinampo, now offered at $11.50 first-grade, $10 second-grade and 7.50 third grade, per case of 33 lb. nett. For free samples please telephone Peninsular Trading Company, Telephone 18350 (uptown) 31649. -9855

To Advertisers

The following replies are being held at this office, and the owners of the undermentioned Box numbers are requested to call for same before December 30, after which date they will be destroyed. Nos. 3841, 4392, 4697, 4729, 4787, 4792, 4794, 4839, 4868, 4879, 4883, 4888, 4895, 4903, 4921, 4942, 5003, 5026, 5046, 5079, 5107, 5130, 5136, 5164, 5177, 5191, 5224, 5291.

Personal

MIDDLE-aged lady, Russian, stranger, wants meet gentleman as companion Christmas and New Year's Eve. British or American preferred. Box 5429, NCDN. -10259

MISS Carmencita, working on Saturday, I beg to change: Friday at 5, the same place. I am all in black. Box 5115, NCDN. 13074

EASTERN lady wishes to meet a good European gentleman, age from 28 to 35. View matrimony. Only serious replies. Address Box 5375, NCDN. -10145

WHO will act the good Samaritan and take a young lady skating and horse-riding? Address Box 5413, NCDN. -10236

GENTLEMAN, 33, good standing, in four months leaving for U.S.A. wishes to meet English or American for conversation or to rent room in English-speaking house. Address Box 5415, NCDN. -10237

WANTED by a foreign young lady a gentleman partner for Christmas Eve dinner and dance at some respectable hotel or dance-hall. (No refugee.) Box 5409, NCDN. -10220

WILL the young charming lady who called the gentleman "chauffeur" on Columbia Road, Monday afternoon, 5 o'clock, communicate with him who would love to meet her. Address Box 5406, NCDN. -10212

PERSONABLE young lady, 22 years, just arrived, wishes to meet foreign gentleman, tall, good-looking for Christmas and New Year's Eve festivities. No refugee. Box 5370, NCDN. -10126

Miscellaneous

CARPETS cleaned chemically, 10 cents per square foot. Rugs repaired, dyed, stored. Esso Company. Telephone 12170. -9153

MIRRORS manufactured from glass 10 cents per square foot. Artcraft Glass Co., 98 Central Arcade, Telephone 12607. -10082

Wanted to Purchase

PIANO wanted, willing to pay good price. Address Box 5446, NCDN. -10240

ADVERTISER with large available cash wants to buy any kind of woollen piecegoods, large/small quantities from banks/importers/merchants. Address Box 5424, NCDN. -10247

PRESSURE filter, second-hand, 12 to 36 plates. Address Box 5427, NCDN. -10252

WANTED buy secondhand carpets, trunks, suits, dresses, shoes, Telephone 39965, ask Mr. Bers, 8-10 a.m. 1-3, 6-8 p.m. 10140

INTERNATIONAL Commercial Reference Books and Directories required. Address Box 5410, NCDN. -10226

Christmas Gifts

PORCELAIN (coffee-tea sets, small cups, etc.), crystalware for beautiful presents. 181 Avenue Dubail, Apartment 2. -10263

CHRISTMAS gift. Latest designs of buttons, buckles, diamond buckles, clips, brooches, pins, etc. for Christmas gifts, at reasonable price. C. S. C. Button Manufacturers, 86 Yates Road. -10310

HUNGARIAN articles of home industry. Suitable gifts at very reasonable prices at the Emigrants' Thrift Shop, 55 Nanking Road. 12654

CROWN Hosiery. Just received large assortment of crepe-chiffon and service-weight stocking. 239 Cardinal Mercier. 12614

BRITISH made girl's bicycle, 7 to 12 years, repainted like new, $70. Address Box 5411, NCDN. -10233

CRYSTALWARE, dishes, vases, bowls, plates, bottles, glasses, in great selection. Dinner-coffee-tea sets and other things of porcelain, as selected cups and mocha cups. Handbags, rugs, etc. Beautiful gifts for Christmas at lowest prices. General Magazine, 337 Avenue Haig. -10206

BRONZES, "Friedrich der Grosse," "Waffenschmied," small cups, attractive crystalware, dinner/tea sets. 150 Tifeng Road, House 15, Flat 2. -10135

PERSIAN carpets, all sizes; oil-paintings, crystalware, porcelain are the best and cheapest Christmas gifts. For sale daily, 9-12, 2-6 including Sunday, at 233 Nanking Road, Room 206a, Telephone 13781. -10047

EXCELLENT opportunity. Crystalware, silver, porcelain, E.P. ware, capes, fur-coats. 99 Route Vallon, Apartment 105, Telephone 74481. -10012

DOLLS (broken); repairing, renovating perfectly done. Dollies' coats, dresses, hats, shoes, stockings and wigs. Doll's Hospital Rosette, 135 Seymour Road. -9958

BEST gifts, silver, gold, platinum, large selection diamonds, Swiss watches, etc., at prices you can afford to pay. Orders taken settings and any kind jewellery. Repairing watches with guarantee. Ilitovich, 867 Avenue Joffre, opposite Cathay Theatre. -9568

LEATHER and Suede jackets, coats and gloves. Raincoats from best English materials, are practical and useful Christmas gifts. British Manufacturing Company, 795 Bubbling Well Road, 909 Avenue Joffre. 12944

LIQUIDATION sale. Black silk velvet for afternoon and evening dresses, zippers, ornaments, ladies' underwear, curtain lace, men's silk socks and mufflers, garters, suspenders. Cotton materials for men's shirts. All from United States at liquidation prices. 17 Rue Delastre. Telephone 72705. -9791

WHY not an attractive book which will appeal to young people and adults alike? "Mister Cinders"—A tale of a Shanghai Scottie,—written and profusely illustrated by Janet Momber, who describes the dog's adventures in Shanghai, at Sea, and later in England, in a most fascinating manner. Price $5. At Kelly & Walsh, Ltd. 12897

THE best pictures and other European objets d'art at really reasonable price, at L. Benesi, 12 Rue du Consulat near Bund, Apartment 501, Telephone 87801. -9751

CHRISTMAS gifts. Splendid crystalware and porcelain, glasses, paintings, Philips and Saba radio, typewriter, gentleman's fur-coat, etc. 497 Wei Hai Wei Road, 5 Yang Terrace, Room 6, Telephone 61114. -9652

Motor Cars and Cycles

AMERICAN 4-door sedan, 1931, perfect condition, owner-driven, 22 m.p.g. guaranteed. US$125 without radio. 309 Rue Bourgeat. -10299

FOR SALE. Coupe 1932, sedan 1934, Austin coach. Pacific Motors, 863 Avenue Foch, Telephone 74500. -10256

WILLY'S coupe, 1934, in perfect condition, over 20 miles per gallon, US$220, always owner-driven. Address Box 5433, NCDN. -10270

AMERICAN Bantam 4-passengers, good running order, new paint $1,250. For demonstration write Box 5448, NCDN. -10303

FOR SALE, 1937 Ford sedan, excellent condition, leather upholstery, radio. Address Box 5414, NCDN. 13050

WANTED to purchase, 1933 Fiat Balilla, 2-door sedan. Address Box 5380, NCDN. -10152

ESSEX, 1931 sedan, absolutely perfect. Cheap. Telephone 84105. 13029

1934 Ford Victoria 2-door sedan. Always owner driven. U.S.$375. Address Box 5383, NCDN. 13026

ESSEX coupe in Al running condition, 20 miles per gallon. Only local $1,000 Owner leaving Shanghai. Address Box 5382, NCDN. 13028

1936 Pontiac coach in perfect condition, always owner driven. Any trial, owner leaving. Reply Box 5224, NCDN. -9809

WE offer cash for used cars and trucks. Apply Jenny's Motors, 177 Amiral Courbet. Telephone 73165. -8139

WE have in stock a complete line of used cars. We also buy, exchange and lend money on cars. American Motors, Fed Inc. U.S.A. 444 Avenue Foch. Telephone 35646. 12662

Animals

WANTED a good home for a large, young, half breed watch-dog. Address Box 5445, NCDN. 13070

TWO young bulldogs, female. Avenue Joffre 771, Apartment 2, Restaurant. -10271

REQUIRED immediately, the services of male Siamese cat. Telephone 76819, Mrs. Williams, between 10-12 noon. 13053

IRISH terrier, championship imported stock at stud to approved bitches. Apply Wallis. Telephone 17222. 12815

YOUR personal property is insured, why not your pony against loss or death by accident or sickness. Hugh Middleton & Co. (Ins.) Ltd. 45 Kiukiang Road Telephone 16595. 12849

Houses and Land

CONSTRUCTION just commenced, "Culty Gardens". Three first-class 5/6-roomed terrace houses with gardens, built-in furniture, staggered roofs, etc. 20-year lease of land will be sold. de Becker Law and Estate Offices, 262/4 Hamilton House. Telephone 16660. 13067

WANTED to buy, one to two mow of land for residence, west of railway. Address Box 5403, NCDN. -10200

Radios

FOR SALE, one American radio, 5 tubes, quite new. Avenue Joffre 771 Apartment 2, Restaurant. -10271

$350. Stewart-Warner, long and short wave radio. Apply after 6 p.m. 1202 Avenue Joffre, Flat 42. -10275

EFFICIENT short-wave antennas installed at reasonable charges. Radio Corporation of Asia, 361-3 Avenue Foch, Telephone 87777. -8941

W. KORBUT radio engineer, radios repaired on the spot promptly, efficiently. Telephone 36559. -8872

$250 PETTERSON radio 7-tubes, $300 G. E. radio 7 tubes. All waves, used, in good condition. Robinson Piano Company, 276 Kiangse Road. 13045

LAST call for Christmas buyers. Newest 1939 streamlined American Radios U.S.$12.50 while they last. Few used Radios $50 up. Shortwave for $125. American Radio Equipment Company, 55 Yuen-Ming Yuen Road 12971

NEWS of Europe direct by Record radio, the wonderful model, $138. Also all radio repairs. Apply Radio Record, 8 Chusan Road. Salesroom and repair station, c/o. New Shanghai Electric, 24 Bund, Room 35, Telephone 10877. -10027

10-TUBE Zenith, all waves, $500 or nearest offer. Universal Radio Co., 232 Nanking Road, Telephone 19225. -10118

1939 R.C.A. 99K model electric tuning like new, original cost U.S.$155, will sacrifice U.S.$120 or nearest offer. Please telephone 36976 or write Box 5078, NCDN. -10125

AMERICAN and European radios repaired by qualified foreign, engineers. Antennas installed. For service telephone 78644, Radio and Electral Ind., 145 Route Sayzoong. -10051

CHRISTMAS coming. Radio special. $2 for minor repairs, including cleaning balancing. Telephone 43383, Chang's Radio Corporation. -9918

RELIABLE repairs All make radios. Foreign engineers. 1940 models, RCA Victor, Zenith, stocked, Universal Radio Co., Authorized R. C. A. Service Station, Telephone 19225, 232 Nanking Road. 12661

FOR radio repairs call International Radio Service, foreign workmanship, 9 Cardinal Mercier, Telephone 75897. -9353

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